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Didsbury Search and Rescue member finds lost girl

by Carla Victor

The search for a 10-year-old girl and her dog, lost in the woods north of Camrose, involved more than 100 trained searchers from Central Region Search and Rescue which includes Didsbury, Olds and Sundre's Search and Rescue teams.

When Edmonton's Regional Search and Rescue team exhausted their resources after more than 12 hours searching with no success - Central Region Search and Rescue were called in to help.

The young girl, Serena Church, became lost after she chased after her eight-month-old dog, Shadow, into the woods near her family farm, at 3 p.m. May 3. Although Church was wearing a winter coat, she was not dressed appropriately for the weather and when she didn't return in a reasonable time her parents notified RCMP.

By 8 p.m. that day Edmonton Regional Search and Rescue were actively searching large areas of land and water with command post set up at Miquelon Lake. As the weather deteriorated Edmonton began calling in other search and rescue teams - they were concerned due to the young age of the girl, her inexperience and inadequate clothing.

By 10:30 a.m., the next day, search and rescue members from Didsbury, Olds, Sundre, Rocky Mountain House, Red Deer, Barrhead, St. Paul, Parkland, Calgary and Cochrane were on site along with SAR members who provided search dogs, horses and ATVs. RCMP dog teams and their FLIR (Forward Looking Infra Red) helicopter also provided assistance.

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photo by Richard Westlund

Challenging polish job

Lawrence Eaton polishes his 1971 Challenger convertible at the Didsbury Show and Shine on the weekend.

MP Thompson easily wins nomination

by Dan Singleton

Sundre resident and Canadian Alliance MP Myron Thompson, 67, has won his party's nomination for Wild Rose for the fourth time, easily defeating challenger Paul Graham during Saturday's constituency vote in Crossfield.

Thompson garnered 97.7 per cent of 261 ballots cast by party members, meaning he will again represent the party in the next federal election.

"When you win a nomination or an election you like to have a good solid majority behind you, and obviously this was the case today," said Thompson.

"I'm so pleased that, evi-

dently, the work that I have done for the last 10 years has gained the confidence of those who came to vote.

"I want to express my appreciation to each and every one of you for the confidence you have displayed. I want to thank Paul (Graham) for taking the step of saying I want to be part of the solution. This country needs solutions, and I am looking forward to Paul staying in there with us. We're going to get the job done."

Thompson also thanked his wife Dot for her support.

For his part, Graham, a 52-year-old Chestermere resident, said, "It's always difficult to take the incumbent out. Myron's a very popular MP

and he has served his riding well. When and if he decides to hang up the spurs, perhaps I'll be there to take his place.

"We will have to work very, very hard to form the next government, and if I can be of assistance to the Canadian Alliance to accomplish that mission, I will. And all the best of luck to Myron in the next election."

Thompson, a former Sundre mayor first elected to the House of Commons in 1993, says the next federal election will be his last.

However, if the next federal election produces a minority government, he may reconsider his decision to call it quits after the next term.

"Basically if I get another good solid three or four years in, that will be it," he said.

The Wild Rose riding includes Airdrie, Cochrane, Olds, Didsbury and Sundre.

The next federal election will likely be held some time in 2004.

Wild Rose Canadian Alliance president Garry Richardson said, "we were very pleased with the excellent turnout we received. Democracy lives in Wild Rose."

Following the vote, Thompson wasted no time in going after Prime Minister Jean Chretien and perceived Liberal leadership race front-runner Paul Martin.

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NEWS



Ducks have been forced to deal with some extra snow this spring.

photo by Richard Westlund

Spring storms affects the lives of people and ducks

Extra moisture will be good for water fowl in the long run

by Richard Westlund

Cold and snow may be forcing some duck pairs to leave their nest sites but the recent spring snow storms will likely do more good than harm in the long run for local duck populations.

Ian McFarlane, a Ducks Unlimited biologist, said he has seen some pools of field water, a preferred nesting site of ducks, starting to freeze over. He said that makes it tough on ducks - especially if they have already laid eggs.

"At this point some species have started to nest and if (the snow) lasts too long they can end up abandoning their nest. The temperature and snow get

to be too much," he said.

"Typically they abandon their eggs if it gets too cold or wet."

McFarlane said most ducks that haven't bred yet, are likely to wait until conditions improve. He added that when ducks find the weather not to their liking it is unlikely they would turn around and fly south again.

Ducks have already started to pair off and look for nesting sites.

While the ducks in the area have had to put up with some rotten spring weather so far, McFarlane is quick to point out that spring storms have come before and ducks have survived.

"They have learned to adapt to this kind of stuff," said McFarlane.

McFarlane said ducks are not likely to go hungry either and he has observed habitat with invertebrates living in the water - a food source for ducks. While food is likely not a prob-

lem currently for the water-fowl the colder temperatures make everything harder for ducks and they use more energy during their daily routine.

The increase in moisture, however, is likely a good thing for local water fowl because of the drought-like conditions over the past few years.

"When all is said and done I think the extra moisture will be good," said McFarlane, adding that with dry conditions over the past few years, duck numbers have been down locally.

"Last year there were a lot of ponds low and dry."

McFarlane is confident the snow and cold won't stick around for long and that the ducks will thrive in wetter, warmer conditions.

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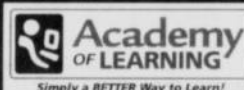
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HEALTH

Local health region will be called David Thompson

Keeping same name will save big money

by Richard Westlund

Health Authority #4, the region Didsbury has been placed with, will assume the name David Thompson Health Authority, the board announced Wednesday.

In an attempt to save money, board members unanimously agreed to the name, which is already attached to buildings in the David Thompson Region.

The decision was made public last Wednesday.

The local Health Region will still have to shell out an estimated \$300,000 to change signage, identification cards, letterhead etc. in the new areas the David Thompson Health Region assumed when the province decreased the number of health regions in the province.

Board Chair Jean Graham said the board believed the money would be better spent in the health industry.

"It was important to realize that every dollar in healthcare counts and we wanted to put patients first," she said.

Changing the regions name outright was expected to cost

\$1.6 million. The biggest cost was expected to be changing the computer inscriptions," said Graham.

As for the stock that currently exists, that doesn't have David Thompson's name on it, board members agreed

"It was important to realize that every dollar in healthcare counts and we wanted to put patients first."

- Jean Graham, DTHR Chair

that it should be used up before new stuff is ordered.

Graham said board members consulted others about the idea of keeping the David Thompson name, and the idea of keeping the same name was received warmly.

When asked if signage in the Didsbury area would be put on hold in case the area was moved into the Calgary Health Region, Graham said that the minister's decision was clear and Didsbury wouldn't be treated differently than any other community.

"They are part of the region and we are stepping forward," said Graham.



photo by Richard Westlund

A Tremonti tidbit

CBC Radio's Anna Maria Tremonti makes some opening statements about her background to an almost full-house at Lone Pine Hall on the weekend. A town-hall program was taped at the hall on Sunday dealing with practices of the agricultural industry and what Canadians were willing to accept when it came to their food.

TRAFFIC

Spring snow kept tow trucks hopping

by Carla Victor

Dangerous conditions on Highway 2 plagued drivers once again May 6.

Severe spring storms with blowing snow freezing on the highways caused No Towing bans on Highway 2, from Calgary to Red Deer, and left many drivers stranded for the second time in as many weeks.

Local RCMP were kept busy during the storms, conducting traffic and rescuing stranded motorists at a frantic rate.

Once area tow truck drivers were allowed back onto the highways, that afternoon, their business was booming as well.

Bill Fleming, Res-Q Towing, in Didsbury has towed more than 80 vehicles in the past two storms (April 27 and May 6).

In those same storms, Lee Taylor at Double 2 Towing in Olds said his drivers have pulled out more than 50 vehi-

"Look on your calendars from last year and the year before - we had snow at this time too. With winter being so nice to us the weather is averaging out."

cles. At Torrock, also in Olds, their one tow truck has brought more than 40 vehicles out of snow banks.

Although many people think this kind of weather is better suited for December, Fleming said it is a normal occurrence to see severe spring storms.

"Look on your calendars from last year and the year before - we had snow at this time too. With winter being so nice to us the weather is averaging out," said Fleming.

Appeal filed on feedlot decision

by Richard Westlund

The Committee for Lone Pine has filed for a leave of appeal in hopes that a decision regarding the AAA Cattle Company, made by the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB), will be modified.

Committee Chair Murray Marsh said the committee believes the NRCB made an error in interpreting the law when it didn't force AAA Cattle Company to meet provincial standards.

In its decision the NRCB Panel ruled that no evidence was brought forward to suggest the current facility was unsafe and that bringing the entire feedlot up to standard would represent a "significant cost to producers".

"The Panel believes that it is important to re-emphasize that while the introduction of AOPA (provincial legislation

introduced when the NRCB took over jurisdiction of Confined Feeding Operations) has "raised the bar" for new and expanding facilities, the Panel has seen no evidence in the first year under the new legislation, that the earlier standards, if properly applied, were inadequate to protect either public health or the environment.

"Certainly none was adduced in this case," stated the decision.

Marsh said he felt the Committee for Lone Pine did show evidence the existing feedlot could be a problem.

"In this case most of the engineering results were marginal.

"We feel there is no point in having a three-quarters airtight facility and leaving the rest as an unknown."

Marsh said owners of the AAA Cattle Company did nothing to show the current

operation is safe.

Expansion of the facility will require that liners are built under the pens yet to be constructed.

Lawyers for the Committee for Lone Pine argued that if the facility was approved terms and conditions should be applied to the facility as a whole and not just the new developments.

Marsh went on to say it shouldn't necessarily be up to the neighbours to prove that the existing site is unsafe, but that the NRCB should show that such a facility would be safe.

The leave to appeal is expected to be heard by a judge on May 22. If the Committee for Lone Pine is successful to convince the justice that an appeal is warranted then the case will be heard by three judges during an actual appeals process.

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OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Name game



RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

It was a simple decision to make, but a decision that will make sure that over \$1 million will stay in the local health care system.

David Thompson Board members wisely agreed to keep the name that makes up a major portion of the new health region Didsbury has been included in.

If a new name was established for the region, the third most populated in the province, DTHR could have had to foot a bill in excess of \$1.6 million dollars. The greatest cost being changing the name in the programs of the region's computers. The new region will have to pay \$200,000 to \$300,000 to make the changes in areas they have amalgamated with - like Didsbury. The issue of putting signage on all of the buildings raised an interesting point for the Didsbury area - where there continues to be a movement of people wanting the Didsbury Hospital in with the Calgary Health Region. Gary Mar stated Didsbury will remain in the David Thompson Health Region according to traffic flow patterns. Some locals believe that it is not too late to get Didsbury into the Calgary Health Region and local MLA Richard Marz said he is continuing efforts in his capacity to make it so.

The David Thompson Health Region has accepted Didsbury with open arms and Board Chair Jean Graham maintains Didsbury will be treated fairly and equally in the David Thompson system starting now. When it comes to putting up new signs on the Didsbury Hospital, the board will not take a wait-and-see attitude, says Graham. Signage can always be put up and taken down but this decision by the DTHR board points towards the direction they are taking with the Didsbury area. The attitude seems to be 'you are with us so we must make decisions that include you'. That type of approach is comforting - knowing that local interests are being looked after by DTHR whether they will be making those decisions on a short-term or long-term basis.

Wonderings of the heart

A Season of Refreshment"

by Margaret Fradley

Are there times we feel weary, tired, we have been going through a demanding time; a busy time, trying to accomplish all the things that lay before us; feeling almost overwhelmed when we look at our calendars; perhaps in the midst of this there have been unexpected demands on us, extra pressures, at work, in the home, sickness or whatever the cause may be, and we long for a reprieve, a 'time out' - just a time to catch our breath, to let our spirits catch up to our bodies.

Thus was a time for St. Paul, he tells us it was a time for no rest; there was trouble on every hand, and all around; their hearts were filled with fear; Then, there came the unexpected arrival of Titus, who brought refreshment, his presence was a time of joy for Paul, and the fellowship they had as Titus shared how much Paul was loved by those Titus had just been with. This warmed Paul's heart, the visit came when he needed it most and brought to him what he needed most at that time.

What a challenge we have in our daily lives, to be there for, to get in touch with, by letter, phone or a visit, (or these days an E Mail), just to assure another person we are thinking about them, and that we care. There are many who need our simple outreach, that often takes such a short time, but makes all the difference in another person's day.

Each day affords us fresh opportunities to be 'that season of refreshment' that someone out there needs at just that time, we need only be sensitive. We too can be assured that in the same way, a time of refreshment will also come to us, in our times of need, it leaves us with such a warm, grateful feeling, and doesn't cost a penny.



Sharing in a political environment

by Link Byfield

A year ago I gassed up at a roaring roadside truck stop in Rocky Mountain House. Beside the till was the usual little dish, which said the usual thing: "Need a penny? Take a penny." To this was added, "Need a nickel? Get a job."

This little comment was so Albertan it warmed my heart.

We read in the April 23 National Post that 71% of western Canadians believe they do not get a fair hearing in Ottawa. Only 3% of westerners think the prime minister best represents western interests, compared to 40% who say the provincial premiers do. One-quarter of Albertans think they'd be further ahead economically without the federal government. Over two-thirds of westerners do not expect to live long enough to see meaningful reform.

All of which makes us westerners sound very united. But we are not united at all. As I see it, the reason the West never gets anywhere federally is that "the West" as a single political entity does not exist.

I mean no disrespect to anyone, but there are four Wests. Manitoba (where I grew up) thinks and acts like an extension of Ontario. Saskatchewan has been thoroughly socialist for four

generations, has wrecked its economy, has driven thousands of productive citizens and businesses into Alberta, and is being rapidly taken over by treaty Natives who (despite their many fine qualities) pay few taxes. British Columbia has let itself be run into the ground by unions and environmentalists. Only Albertans seem to understand the connection between competition, productivity and prosperity.

For instance, Saskatchewan residents told the Canada West poll that they feel "dependent" upon the rest of the country. But why? They have more good land than Alberta, equally good forests, ample reserves of coal, oil and gas, abundant hydro-electric power, plus uranium and potash. Maybe they shouldn't have driven those "greedy" oil companies from Regina to Calgary in the 1940s. Maybe they shouldn't have nationalized the "greedy" potash industry in the 1970s. Maybe they should stop relying on crown corporations, co-ops, the Canadian Wheat Board and a swath of federal transfers to run their sputtering economy.

The West is stymied internally by what could be called the Canadian disease: "sharing." It sounds so nice, but it's the wrong word. The correct term is "forced redistribution."

According to economists Robert Mansell and Ronald Schlenker in the journal Canadian Business Economics, between 1961 and 1997 Albertans paid \$202 billion more into the federal treasury than they got back in all forms of federal spending.

Ontario paid \$85 billion extra. B.C. broke even. Saskatchewan and Manitoba were significant net recipients, along with Quebec, the Atlantic Provinces and the Territories.

The whole point of these vast federal transfers (which were never part of the original constitutional deal) was to help the recipient provinces build their own economies. But the effect over time has been to create federal dependency all over the country, paid for mainly by Albertans. The productivity gap is as wide as ever. Let's recognize that this mainspring of federal fiscal policy since the 1960s has failed. "Sharing" has not helped the receiving provinces, and it never will. It only helps Ottawa retain political control over the country. Each province should take responsibility for its own success or failure. The result for Canadians in every region can only be good.

Link Byfield is chairman of the Edmonton based Citizens Centre for Freedom and Democracy.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Alberta should be a beacon of tolerance, understanding

Dear Editor,

Recent media reports of a racist and bigoted document circulating through the Alberta Legislature is extremely troubling. The document in question is purported to include racist and intolerant comments toward a wide variety of Albertans. That this document exists is deplorable but inescapable in a free society that rightly defends and cherishes free speech. That according to the Edmonton Sun the document has circulated through the Legislature for six weeks and been copied on taxpayer funded photocopiers is mind-boggling and outrageous. The Legislature and our elected officials should display the highest standard of tolerance and understanding, representing and embracing

all Albertans not harbouring and circulating harmful, distasteful material.

I find it instructive that no one has claimed ownership of the document in question. Interestingly Drew Hutton, a Progressive Conservative MLA, found a copy of the document on his desk on the floor of the Legislature a highly secured area where only MLA's are allowed to enter. Upon reading the document Mr. Hutton showed courage by destroying the offensive document. I can only wonder why the person responsible doesn't have the courage to claim ownership and defend the document. Then again cowards don't defend, they cower behind anonymous documents and secrecy. Men and women of

character defend their comments, they don't hide. The perpetrator of this hurtful document understands full well that Albertans are outraged by bigotry and would judge him or her unfit to hold public office.

I am also troubled that Premier Klein has put minimal effort into finding the person responsible for circulating this document in the Legislature.

This is a matter that would not be tolerated in an Alberta Alliance Government. We would use every resource available to identify and hold accountable the person responsible.

As a descendent of immigrants who were treated with suspicion and disdain when they arrived in Canada 160

years ago I am mindful of the destructive power of intolerance and prejudice. I am sensitive to those who are treated differently because of how they look or act. As the father of six daughters I am especially sensitive to the reported anti-women sentiments within the document.

Alberta should be a beacon of light to the world, a home to tolerance, understanding and inclusiveness.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. expressed better than I ever can what type of world we should build for our children.

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"I have a dream my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." (Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C., August 28, 1963).

I echo the words of Dr. King and commit myself to work towards that day when every Albertan is judged by the content of their character not by preconceptions and prejudice.

Randy Thorsteinson
Leader
Alberta Alliance Party

Canada will have to work to repair rift with U.S. after Iraq war

Dear Editor:

Brandishing the limp wrist of uncertainty and standing faithfully by upon the jellied knees of indecision, while the Yanks, Brits and Aussies have bravely shed their blood, sweat, tears and lives on the battlefields to rid the world of one of the most heinous butchers of humanity in history (estimated at over a million hapless souls since he took office in 1979), Canada eagerly springs forth to the lead the pack-boasting such luminous icons of peace as France, Germany and Russia in robust anticipation of reconstruction contracts in the wake

of this sad and tragic war. By so doing, she has traded what could admirably have been described as chivalrous, valiant, and courageous for the ignoble epithet of ambulance chaser. Will this questionable renewal of economic activity replace that which threatens to be lost through our broken relationship with the U.S.?

Canadians take far, far too much for granted. They smugly denounce American international military interventionism and decry U.S. economic expansionism while ignoring the fact that, all along, Canadians are the net

benefiters of both. Would the unsurpassing international security and economic stability we enjoy in this country be sustainable without the U.S.? If other countries that were hostile to our way of life and our democratic heritage bordered us, by some quirk of geographical fate, would we be so quick to criticize our neighbors with the degree of impunity we presently enjoy? Wake up, Canada! Your arrogant complacency is becoming too nauseating to bear.

Sincerely,
Josiah Rise
Medstead, SK

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Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

EDUCATION

Didsbury High School Fraser Institute mark up slightly

School among top half in the province

by Richard Westlund

Didsbury High School's mark, as issued annually by the Fraser Institute, is up slightly and it remains in the top half of Alberta High Schools.

Last year the local school received a mark of 6.5 out of 10. That mark was up to 6.7 for the 2002 year.

Provincially Didsbury High School ranked 101 out of 263 schools and rated higher than high schools in Olds and Carstairs.

Fewer exams were failed by local students dropping from 17.6 per cent to 12.7 per cent and the number of courses each student takes remained steady.

The percentage of students that actually graduated did decline in 2002, according to the Fraser report, to 78.7 per cent of students compared with 90.2 the year before.

While the Fraser Institute maintains its marks for schools help parents make a decision for their children and points out areas for improvement, there are many within the school systems that call the marks narrow and unfair.

Chinook's Edge School Division Chair Roy Brassard said while the division will look at the Fraser Report, just like it looks at all evaluations of local

schools, he doesn't consider the annual report to be a definitive answer.

"It is not the be all and end all," he said. "Parents will read it looking for assurances and we are doing the same thing."

"We just don't always agree the Fraser Report is the best way."

Brassard said the report may be more applicable in an urban environment where parents and students have a choice as to what schools to attend. He said in a rural environment comparisons are not as "pertinent".

He said CESD does look at ranking to see where they can improve. And while the marks don't always accurately portray what's going on in a school, it is a year-to-year evaluation.

Numbers up in all areas at the 2003 Didsbury Trade Show - summary

by Richard Westlund

Numbers at the 2003 Didsbury Trade Show were up significantly according to a Trade Show Summary released last week.

Trade Show organizers said the show experienced an increase of 223 paid visits over those in 2002.

Rising numbers were not limited to public attendance either.

The show experienced growth in several categories.

Exhibitor numbers jumped from 86 to 100,

number of booths rose from 100 to 112, number of Didsbury businesses 42 to 53 and Chamber member booths from 17 to 27.

Inside the document, which was distributed to Chamber members, is a table of where people that attended the show were from.

The Trade Show committee was able to get that information from door prize entry forms.

Like in 2002 most of the visitors were from Didsbury, Carstairs and Olds but numbers from Calgary were

up substantially.

The chart shows that people came from all corners and even outside of the province.

Organizers stated they were happy with attendance of the show and that numbers that compared this year's event to last year showed improvement.

The Summary also pointed out that comment cards filled out at the show were happy to see local service groups given the opportunity to work at the event in exchange for a donation.

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HEALTH

Health region warns about hamburger disease

Attempt to reach public occurs every barbecue season

by Richard Westlund

The David Thompson Health Region is reminding local residents about hamburger disease as barbecue season approaches.

A press release was sent out to local newspapers last week in an attempt to remind people that special precautions have to be taken in preparing hamburger and chicken for the grill.

"We see a big increase in the number of salmonella and hamburger disease cases at this time of year," said Scott Budgell, a public health inspector with the David Thompson Health Region. "Every spring we see a significant rise."

Budgell said the region likes to send out releases like this, almost on an annual basis to remind people that dangers like these do exist. He said he is already working on one that warns campers about the dangers of drinking surface water.

"It's a long winter and people are anxious to get out and barbecue," said Budgell explaining the rise of hamburger disease cases each year.

Hamburger disease is a type of food-borne illness caused by the bacteria *E. Coli*. Certain strains of the bacteria produce a poison or toxin that damages the lining of the intestine causing diarrhoea and pain. The David Thompson Health Region is recommending that the following precautions be taken when cooking, storing and handling food:

- Cook all meats thoroughly until they are no longer pink in the middle. Cooked beef should reach an internal temperature of 74 degrees Celsius. Double check to see if larger cuts of meat are thoroughly cooked by using a meat thermometer for the internal temperature.

- Do not let raw or cooked meat sit at room temperature. Served cooked meats immediately. Prepare raw hamburger patties or other meats quickly, and either cook them immediately or put them in the refrigerator.

- Refrigerate or freeze meats immediately after buying.

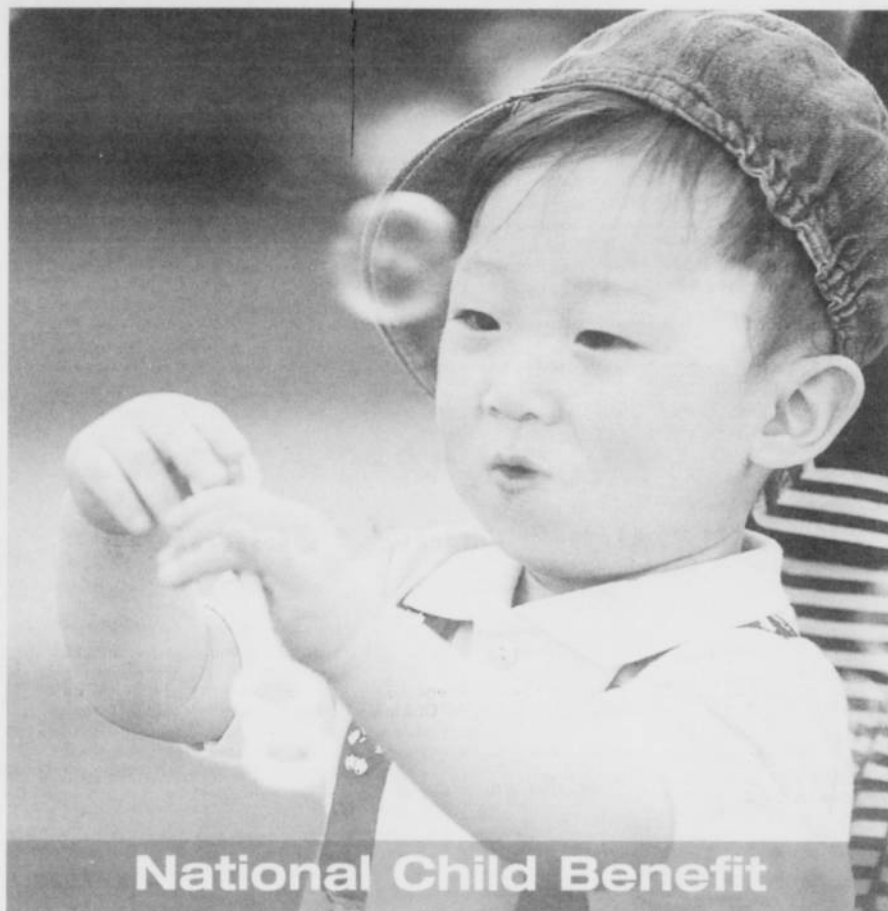
- Thaw frozen meats in the refrigerator and not at room temperature. Thawing in a microwave is an acceptable alternative, however once thawed meat should be refrigerated.

- Wash hands before and after preparing raw

meat.

- Wash all utensils, cutting boards and counters with hot, soapy water to prevent bacteria found in raw meats from contaminating other foods.

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Radiators don't last forever

The radiator is a key mechanical component in any vehicle. It dissipates a large percentage of the heat produced as the engine's various components rub together. Given the amount of heat involved, won't a radiator eventually wear out?

In fact, if your vehicle ran 24 hours a day at its normal temperature, there is a very good chance that your radiator would never wear out or deteriorate. But who drives their vehicle that

much, especially in the winter?

While most people think that it is corrosion that causes leaks in the hosing, it is actually sudden changes in temperature that cause the clamps to detach, and this is what usually leads to overheating.

If you're not sure about your radiator's condition, have it checked.

Generally, you can easily check a radiator by sliding your fingers along the corners of the core.



Mineral or synthetic oil?

It goes without saying that an oil change is pretty much mandatory by the time spring rolls around. Starting the vehicle each cold winter morning probably caused a bit of gas to leak along the cylinders and become mixed in with the oil, leaving it contaminated. That's why before the hot summer weather arrives, it's important to change the engine oil.

When you take your vehicle to your local

mechanic, he'll undoubtedly ask you if you want regular (i.e. mineral) or synthetic oil. Before deciding, check your owner's manual to find out which type of oil the manufacturer allows you to use.

If both types are acceptable, which is the case for most vehicles, ask your mechanic what the price difference is. Most likely he'll tell you that synthetic oils are more expensive.

But is there any good reason to spend more on synthetic oil? In many cases, yes.

Compared to mineral oil, they last longer, get rid of dirt better and retain the same viscosity throughout a wide range of temperatures. Regardless of which type of oil you use, however, auto manufacturers recommend the same time intervals for oil changes.

So, which type of oil should you choose? If you

want to get the best possible performance from your vehicle's engine, and are likely to extend the intervals of oil changes (by just a little bit of course), synthetic oil is your best bet.

But if you are the type of person who religiously follows the manufacturer's recommendations when it comes to oil changes, stick to mineral oil and save a few bucks over the year.

Investing in an antique vehicle

Investing is tricky business. Sometimes our investments reap profits, other times they result in losses. That's why many people prefer to buy items of value that seem less likely to lose their value over time. For example, a painting, or perhaps an antique vehicle.

But before you jump headfirst into this type of adventure, you need to know exactly what it is you are going to buy. Don't invest thousands of dollars on just any vehicle.

You need to know the condition it is in as well as its true current value, along with its chances of increasing in value in the somewhat near future.

The best advice for someone who wants to buy an antique vehicle is to first join an antique car club. There you will meet people who are more than qualified enough to advise you on your purchase. For example, performance and luxury vehicles from the 60s and 70s have become increasingly popular among collectors over the last few years, which means they are also quickly increasing in value. What's more, these vehicles are still great to drive, even on long road trips!

Before buying a vehicle, you also need to have the room to store it in, the tools to maintain it and the money to

insure it. In return, its value might increase over the years.

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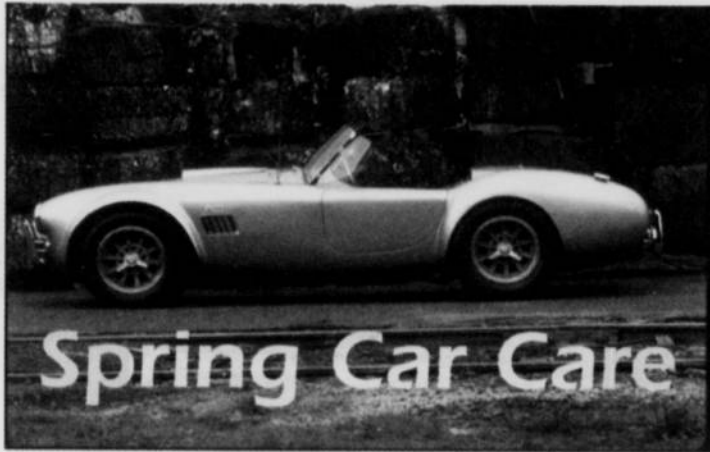
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Check the body for corrosion

Automotive manufacturers are now able to build vehicles that are extremely rust-resistant, thanks primarily to huge strides in their assembly methods.

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becoming increasingly small.

However, if your vehicle is getting up there in years—even if it is well-maintained—you should check it carefully for rust and corrosion, especially if you hope to get a few more years out of it.

It's especially important to check for rust under the body,

particularly where the passenger floor is located and around the tires to make sure there aren't any holes in the metal. In some cases, you may have to lift up the carpet to really check the floor and structure thoroughly.

You should also lift up the carpet in the trunk and perform an equally complete inspection. Holes

will allow external gas emissions, which are often odorless and colourless, to enter the car, so it's important to locate them and plug them completely.

The goal is to make the vehicle as airtight as it was when it rolled off the manufacturer's lot. If you're not sure of your repair skills, have an expert do the work.

Converting miles per gallon to litres

For years, we have been talking about fuel efficiency in terms of "miles per gallon." With the metric system officially in place, however, we should be using "litres per 100 kilometres." What's the difference?

With the "miles per gallon" formula, manufacturers determine a vehicle's average fuel consumption by calculating how many miles a vehicle could run on only one gallon of gas.

This is the method used in the U.S., but it's important to keep in mind that the Canadian measurement is different. In the U.S., an American gallon represents 3.785 litres, while a Canadian



The federal government's fuel consumption guide is a great source of information.

imperial gallon is 4.546 litres. When reading U.S. car magazines, it's important to remember this difference.

In contrast, with the metric system, a vehicle's fuel efficiency is determined by measuring how many litres it burns over a distance of 100 km. Manufacturers must display this average fuel consumption on all new vehicles, but buyers have to look at this information with a critical eye. The number displayed on the vehicle was measured under ideal conditions. For example, the EnerGuide fuel consumption guide published each year by the Canadian government lists the average

consumption of all new vehicles being sold in the country.

Based on the EnerGuide, here's how you can convert between the imperial and metric systems:

-To convert litres per 100 km to miles per gallon: take 282.48 and divide it by L/100 km.

-To convert miles per gallon to litres per 100 km: take 282.48 and divide it by mi/gal.

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RESCUE *continued from Page 1*

At 3 p.m. John Newberry, Didsbury Search and Rescue team member, spotted the girl from the helicopter with the FLIR.

Church was in a small clearing more than five and a half miles from her home.

She had heard the sound of the helicopter and made her way out to a clearing - she had laid out her coat and was standing on it waving her arms.

This technique is taught to younger children in school throughout Alberta.

The lost in the Woods and Hug a Tree programs are designed to teach young children what to do when they find them-

selves lost. Church had kept herself moving all night long to delay the onset of hypothermia.

At some points she snuggled with her dog, who stuck by her side through the whole ordeal, and covered herself in leaves under the bow of a pine tree when it started snowing.

Michelle Maschke, president of Olds Search and Rescue, said despite the amount of time that passed, the searchers never stopped hoping to find the girl alive.

"Because she had the dog we were pretty confident she was alive," said Maschke.

"Thank God she did have the dog because the temperatures dropped to



A large group participated in the search for a lost girl last week.

-3°C and she could have easily died of hypothermia."

Maschke said the sight of Church getting off the helicopter and run-

ning towards her parents was emotional for everyone involved.

"We never like to get called out but what was positive about this expe-

rience was the fact it was coordinated by so many groups. The best part, of course, is we were successful," said Maschke.

In total 113 trained

search and rescue volunteers participated in the effort to find Church - 12 from Didsbury, six from Olds, and two from Sundre.

MYRON

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"Mr. Chretien you can pass all the gag laws you want, but will never gag Myron Thompson, not in a million years," Thompson told party faithful.

"Paul Martin you may be the successor to Mr. Chretien, but you're a Liberal my friend and we're tired of Liberals. The people of Wild Rose have had enough. This is a democracy. Quit taking away freedoms. We are a group of people in Wild Rose who will see that you don't."

Thompson said he plans to continue his work in his portfolio (Justice), and to fight lobbying by special interest groups.

"I don't want to hear about any more arguments about the possibility of Christianity losing freedoms because of the will of a few special interest groups. When the forefathers said freedom of religion that's what they meant," he said.

The courts are becoming too powerful vis-a-vis Parliament, he argued.

"We are at the point now that we have got to start making some decisions. My definition of democracy is government of the people, not of the courts. Judicial activism has got to stop.

"We've gotten so far away from democracy in this country that I am fearful for it. That is going to be my mission, to restore some democracy, let's make the reforms that are essential, free votes, open representation, elected people to run the country. We have too many unaccountable individuals calling the shots that Parliament should be making."

Asked about comments by PC MP Elsie Wayne in the House last week critical of open gay relationships, Thompson said, "It was interesting that it wasn't an Alliance MP who said it."

"Can you imagine what kind of repercussions would have occurred if I stood up and made that speech? She has the right and freedom of speech.

"This government is forever trying to protect freedoms, but when somebody says something derogatory to their beliefs, all of a sudden they don't want to participate."

Thompson says he does not support changing the definition of marriage to include same sex marriages.

Alliance MP Darrell Stinson attended last weekend's nomination meeting. He predicted the next federal election may come in the fall of 2004.

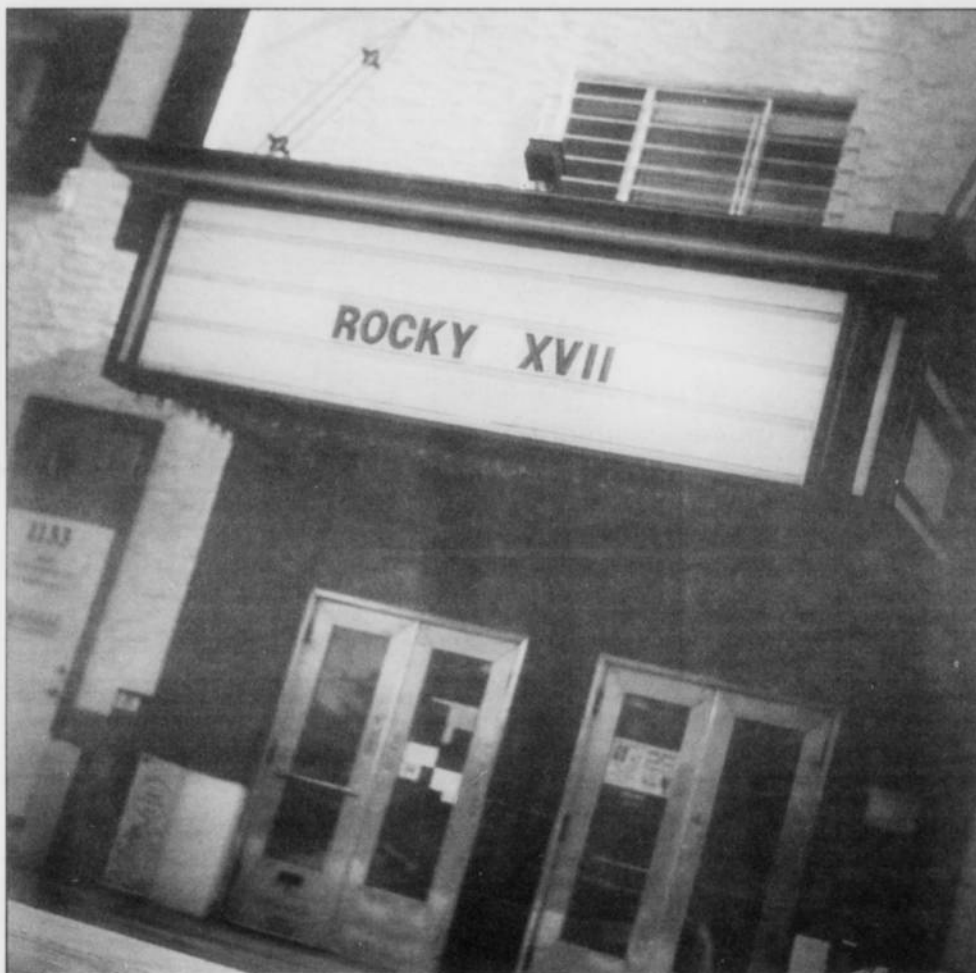
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Marsh said three outcomes could come out of an appeal. The original NRCB decision could be upheld, the decision could be squashed and a new application would be required or they could force the NRCB to require testing on the site.

Marsh said the Committee for Lone Pine in hoping the latter is the eventual outcome of the case.

Marsh said members of the Committee for Lone Pine have borne the brunt of high legal costs, but that the fight is important. He said the NRCB decision opens the door for great scale operations "who know environmental standards are negotiable".



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Dr. David Heymann, World Health Organization, Executive Director of Communicable Diseases – Closing news conference, Special international meeting on SARS – Toronto, Thursday, May 1, 2003

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Dr. Paul Gully, Health Canada – Toronto Star, Thursday, April 24, 2003

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HOTEL FOR SALE. Priced to sell! Boasts lots of character and unique bar. Very established clientele. ATM on site, 8 rooms upstairs featuring newer beds and TV's. Bar capacity to 100. Outdoor patio w/BBQ's, capacity to 100. Many upgrades including tables, chairs, stools, and carpet. Boiler replaced Sept. '02. Full kitchen with new commercial dishwasher. Attached 900 sq. ft. (approx.) living quarters with 2 bedrooms. Call Darryl at Irma Hotel, 780-754-2500. awna

INTERESTED IN EXPANDING or purchasing a well established electronic service company in BC? If so, visit us at www.bcbusinessopportunity.com. awna

OKANAGAN FOOD STORE. Well located. Same owner for 11 years. For sale with completely renovated house including suite beside store on 1/2 acre. 250-558-1957. awna

CASH CASH CASH! A vending specialist. Canadian company. Cash in on pop, snacks and beef jerky. Locations supplied. Minimum 10K. All cash business. Toll free 1-866-789-4892; www.locatorsgroup.net. awna

EXCLUSIVE DEALERSHIP water treatment is the most rapidly expanding industry. We are adding lucrative dealerships to our existing retail division. Ideal for individual or families. Low overhead. Full training. Initial investment solidly secured by inventory purchase. No franchise fee. Limited territories. Global Water Group, 780-485-0911 (Head Office) Edmonton, Alberta. awna

08 CAREER TRAINING

BE AN INTERIOR DECORATOR with our remarkable home-study course. You'll get individual tuition from professionals on colour schemes, space planning, furniture selection, window treatments and much more. Call today for your free brochure 1-800-267-1829. Sheffield School of Interior Design, 1590 - 38 McArthur Ave., Ottawa, ON, K1L 6R2. awna

STUDY MASSAGE THERAPY and keep your day job! Workshops once a month in Edmonton, plus home study and practice. Now registering for September; www.mhvicarsschool.com. 780-491-0574. awna

ATTENTION ARTISTS. Learn this year round moneymaker, hand painted window art, lettering for: seasonal images, greetings; sales and Christmas windows! Workshops: May 30, 31, June 1, Edmonton. Information, Brochure 780-457-7109; www.windowjeannie.com. awna

08 CAREER TRAINING

EXCITING WELL PAID careers: Computer programming/internet website design. Home Study Diploma. Laptop computers provided. Free enrollment kit 1-800-477-9578 (24 hours) CMS Training. awna

10 COMING EVENTS

ST. CYPRIAN'S Anglican Church Women will be holding their annual Strawberry Tea and Bake Sale in the Church Hall on May 24th from 2 - 4 p.m. 5-1t

COMMUNITY SHOWER for Tanya Kohut and Jason Verquin on Friday May 23 at Mountain View Hall at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Pot luck lunch. 6-2t

SASKATCHEWAN OIL & Gas Show at the Weyburn Exhibition Grounds, June 4 and 5, 2003, Weyburn, SK. For more information call 306-842-3232. Fax 306-842-4348 or email: sk.oilshow@sasktel.net. awna

ANTIQUÉ SALE, May 30 - 31, June 1, Friday 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Centennial Arena, 5300 - 52 St., Stony Plain, Alberta. "Huge Selection." Admission \$3. Phone 780-987-2071. awna

MAPLE CREEK, SK. Centennial Celebration, August 1 - 4, 2003. Activities for all. Call 306-662-5008 or visit www.town.maple-creek.sk.ca. awna

11 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

450 SQ. FT. office c/w dedicated 1/2 bath. \$300/mo. + GST. Utilities included. \$300 S.D. required. Ph. Vance at 335-3365 days & 335-3727 evenings. 13-13t

13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

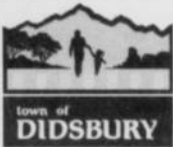
MECHANIC WANTED. Looking for an innovative and energetic individual for fulltime, year round employment. Experience in hydraulics, electrical trouble shooting and welding an asset. Wages, benefits, and bonus program comparable to an Industrial position for experienced applicant. Phone (403) 337-3264 or Fax resume to (403) 337-3588. 5-2t

CWL (CHRISTOPHERS WELDING) IS LOOKING FOR TRACKHOE/DOZER/SIDEBOOM EQUIPMENT OPERATORS. Must have oilfield experience, applicable tickets and be willing to work out of town. Please call Bill or Hugh at 403-335-9265 or fax 335-9267. 5-2t

EAT ALL day & melt away. New weight loss plan. Call 403-343-7979. 7-6t

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13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



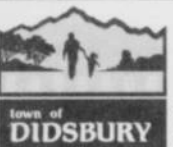
TECHNICAL MAINTENANCE OPERATOR START DATE: JUNE 1, 2003

The Town of Didsbury is looking to hire a full time permanent Technical Maintenance Operator. Reporting to the Operations Foreman, the incumbent shall assist the construction, repair and maintenance of the Town's water distribution system, sanitary sewer system, storm drainage system, streets, parks, facilities and buildings. The incumbent will also assist with snow removal, the operation of hand tools and operate a variety of small equipment. Stand-by requirements are included with this position.

Please forward resumes to:

Chris McKenna
Director of Operations
Town of Didsbury
Box 790
T0M 0W0
Fax: (403) 335-9794

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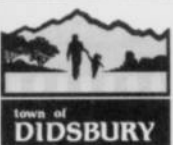
Job Opportunity Town of Didsbury Journeyman Mechanic

Start Date: As soon as a suitable candidate is found
Status: Permanent Full-time
Benefits: Town 80%, Employee 20%
Qualifications: Licensed or 4th year Apprentice
Experience with Heavy Duty Equipment
Welding experience would be an asset
Must be a team player

Wage: \$17.50/hour

Please reply to:
Chris McKenna, Director of Operations
Town of Didsbury
Box 790
Didsbury, Alberta
T0M 0W0
Phone: (403) 994-0172

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Administrative Assistant III (Term Position)

The Town of Didsbury Administration Office requires an **Administrative Assistant III** for a term of 13 months beginning June 2, 2003 to June 30, 2004. The successful candidate should possess strong interpersonal skills and have the ability to communicate effectively. Work experience working directly with the public would be an asset. Good knowledge of computer systems is required. A copy of the job description is available at the Town of Didsbury Administration Office at 2037-19 Avenue.

Qualifications: A post-secondary degree or equivalent combination of experience and technical qualifications.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume to:

Brenda Hemming
Director of Corporate Services
Town of Didsbury
Box 790
Didsbury, Alberta
T0M 0W0
Fax: 403-335-9794

Closing date: May 16, 2003

We thank all applicants for their interest in this position and advise that only those applicants invited to an interview will be contacted.

5-21

HERITAGE TRUSS in Didsbury is now accepting applications for production line personnel. Min. Grade 10. Lumber handling an asset. Please submit your resume attention Rus McKevitt via fax (335-0023) or in person at 2602-19 Street.

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MINI EXCAVATOR and Bobcat Operators required in Calgary. Full-time and part-time, own vehicle and clean abstract a must. Position requires some physical labour. Apply in own handwriting: Mini Dig Ltd., 2222 Alyth Place, Calgary, AB, T2G 3K9 or fax 403-274-4260.

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VILLAGE OF IRMA is seeking Public Work Foreman. Apply with resume to: Box 419, Irma, AB, T0B 2H0. 780-754-3665. Applications accepted until 4 p.m., June 4, 2003.

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THE LAC LA BICHE Natural Gas Co-op is seeking a Manager for a 1600, customer, member owned rural natural gas system and retail operation including service and installation of gas burning appliances. Preference will be given to those applicants with business training and experience and have the ability to show leadership and work as a team member. Additional experience and training in operations of a natural gas system, retail sales, accounting and computer skills will be an asset. The Co-op offers a benefit and pension plan through a provincial Federation organization. Please send or fax resume to: Todd Tesolin, Chairman, Lac La Biche Gas Co-op, Box 335, Lac La Biche, AB, T0A 2C0. Fax 780-623-4327. Resumes will be accepted until May 23, 2003.

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TRANSFEEDER INC. An Agricultural Corporation OFFICE COORDINATOR

Transfeeder Inc., Canada's largest hay export company, specializes in supplying long fibre feed to markets around the world. The company currently has a position available for an **Office Coordinator**.

The Office Coordinator is part of the three-person team authorized to manage the daily operations of the Transfeeder Inc. Highway Plant. This position ensures the success of the Highway Plant by facilitating smooth and accurate information flow. The Office Coordinator supports the Marketing Department by handling the logistics and documentation involved in overseas shipping, maintaining communications with customers (through phone and e-mail), and solving problems on an ongoing basis.

Applicants for this position must be trustworthy, accurate, organized, and focused on customer success. The ability to multi-task in a busy environment is essential. Previous experience with Microsoft Office is an asset.

To apply, please send a resume with cover letter and references to:

OFFICE COORDINATOR APPLICATION
Transfeeder Inc.
RR#1, Site 1, Box 9
Olds, AB T4H 1P2
Fax: (403) 556-4182
Phone: (403) 556-4100

Closing date: May 16, 2003.

We thank all applicants for their interest. However, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

5-11

MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PART-TIME SECRETARY

Mountain View County, with offices in Didsbury, has an opportunity for a part-time secretary to work two days per week with specific days dependant on work requirements.

The successful candidate will be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite with advanced skills in Microsoft Word. This person must have excellent keyboarding skills with the ability to take accurate minutes directly to a computer during lengthy meetings and/or hearings.

Executive or senior secretarial experience is essential. Excellent verbal and written communications skills combined with attention to detail are considered assets.

Interested individuals are invited to submit their applications by Friday, May 16, 2003 to:

Marilyn McDougall
Executive Assistant
Mountain View County
Bag 100
Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0
Fax: 403.335.9207.
Email: mcdougall@telusplanet.net

Mountain View County thanks all individuals for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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HERBAL MAGIC

Now accepting applications for full-time 'Health Counselor'. Successful candidates will be providing weight, management counseling and selling herbal health products in a clinic setting. Sales experience essential. Nutritional knowledge would be an asset. Possible advancement to 'Assistant Centre Director' for candidate with previous management experience.

Phone: (403) 507-0060
5303 - 50th Ave, Olds, AB
Email: Herbal_Magic-Olds@telus.net

5-11

Live The Dream Of Self Employment

Be part of an innovative program that assists people in becoming their own boss.

Are you unemployed? Do you qualify for EI or have had EI in the past few years? Do you have a feasible business idea? If you answered yes to these questions, you may qualify for the Self-Employment Program.

For more information call: Eliza Hogan
Wild Rose EDC
1-888-881-9675

"Chartwells - Olds College" (formerly Beaver Foods) is now hiring for the following positions:
-Cooks
-Cashiers
-Supervisor
-Baker
-On call Banquet Workers
-General Help
Please apply in person.
556-8241 6-21

PARTS PROFESSIONAL with ag experience is required immediately. We offer top wages, a good benefit plan and excellent working conditions. Fax resume in strictest confidence to: Roydale New Holland, Red Deer, Alberta, 403-341-5940.

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INDUSTRIAL PAINTER REQUIRED by our growing and diversified company specializing in structural steel and containment products. Experience with conventional and airless equipment is required for the application of enamels and epoxy/urethane coating systems. Must be willing to perform paint prep duties as well. Must be extremely dependable and organized. Loden Steel Fabricators Inc., Innisfail. Fax 403-227-4073. Email: lynn.haugen@loden.ca.

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A SOUTHERN Alberta company looking for winch truck operators for service work. Competitive wages and benefits available. Apply in person to Ked Oil-field Services Ltd., Brooks or fax resume to 403-362-5917. No phone calls please.

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THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS are available immediately at Cobra Contracting (Drumheller) Ltd. Experience oil-field maintenance and construction personnel. Journeyman/steamfitter, heavy equipment operators, welding shop labourers. Benefits and good salaries available. Must have the following tickets: H2S and First Aid, etc. Resumes by fax only please to 403-823-5898.

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COMPUTER COMPOSITION graphic artist. Experience on Macintosh computers, knowledgeable in QuarkExpress and Adobe Photoshop. Full-time starting immediately. Apply to: Vermilion Standard, 4917 - 50 Ave., Vermilion, AB, T9X 1A6.

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13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EXPERIENCED PRODUCTION personnel required - Westlock, Athabasca. Proficient in QuarkXpress, Adobe Photoshop, keyboarding. Competitive salary/comprehensive benefit package. Apply: leader@barrhead.greatwest.ca. C. Farnalls, Box 4520, Barrhead, T7N 1A4. Fax 780-674-3677. **awna**

PRESSMAN WANTED - commercial sheetfed printing. Experience on Heidelberg GTO or SORMZ preferred. Full-time. Company benefits. Apply: BrianMcEwen780-875-3362. Fax 780-875-3423. Meridian Printing, 5714 - 44 St., Lloydminster, T9V 0B6. **awna**

STETTLER INDEPENDENT requires Editor with community newsroom experience. Must be organized, manage 2 reporters, meet deadlines for 3 newspapers. Mac environment. Fax 403-742-8050. Publisher. Email: stettnews@telusplanet.net. **awna**

READ CAREFULLY: Simple duplicatable passive income. If Alberta farmer can do this business you can too; www.rag-to-riches.com. **awna**

WANTED: Experienced backhoe operator to run 580 SL rubber tired Case backhoe. Wage depending on experience. Fax resume to 403-566-3913. **awna**

TOWN OF BROOKS requires an Aquatic Supervisor. This is a permanent position with the incumbent participating fully in Aquatic Centre activities. Successful candidates will possess Pool Operator II certificate, NLS/AEC Instructor Examiner, Lifesaving Instructor/Bronze Examiner, and Water Safety Instructor Trainer. Please forward resumes to: Manager Recreation Services, Bag 880, Brooks, AB, T1R 0Z6. **awna**

JOURNEYMAN heavy duty mechanic(s) and partsman. Self motivated, knowledgeable individuals who thrive in a team environment. Great benefits. Phone 780-672-6868. Fax resume 780-672-7616. On Track Kuntz & Company Inc., Camrose. **awna**

FULL-TIME RESPONSIBLE, reliable herdsman for wean to finish hog farm near Linden. Accommodation on farm, benefits, starting immediately. Fax resume to 403-546-4257. **awna**

STOP - Look no further earn up to \$1.40 per mile. We have expanded our operation and are looking for professional owner-operators. We specialize in all aspects of open deck hauling: oilfield, equipment, oversize full load and LTL. Call T.M. Minard Trucking Ltd., 1-877-842-3288. **awna**

APPLY NOW. Summer openings. Full-time/part-time openings. Scholarships available. Customer sales/service. \$14.85 base-appt. Conditions apply. Positions available across Alberta. Apply at www.workforstudents.com/aw. **awna**

MUSIC FOR YOUNG CHILDREN(r) - Training new teachers. Teach at home. Earn extra family income. Set own hours. Grade 8 piano, Grade 2 theory required. www.myc.ab.ca. Phone 1-866-244-9008 (toll free). **awna**

FORD DEALER. High Level, Alberta requires immediately experienced partsperson. 44K/year, profit sharing, benefit package, continuous training. Excellent working conditions. Ron, 1-800-362-4282. Fax 780-926-4204. Email: ron@wolverineford.com. **awna**

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN. Licensed or 3rd year. Top wages, excellent benefit package. Bob Marks GM Dealership, Hanna, Alberta. Fax 1-403-854-2952. Phone 1-888-426-6246. Email: marksb@telusplanet.net. **awna**

LOOKING FOR a power-full career? Check out outdoor power equipment technician. Repair ATV's, snowmobiles, boats. One year certificate. Apprenticeship opportunities. 1-888-999-7882, Fairview, Alberta; www.fairviewcollege.com. **awna**

GREEN POWER LTD., a three-store John Deere dealership in Southern Alberta has two positions open for journeyman or apprentice (minimum 2nd year) technicians at our Taber location. We offer an industry leading wage and benefit program along with the opportunity to live and work in one of the most progressive regions in Alberta. Experience in agricultural equipment - especially John Deere is preferred, but all outstanding team players will be considered. Please forward your resume to: Attention: Service Opportunities, 5802 - 56 Ave., Taber, AB, T1G 1X7 or email: careereps@greenpower.ca. **awna**

FOURLANE FORD Service Department is growing rapidly and requires an apprentice or journeyman technician. Ford experience an asset but not required. Pay based on experience. Relocation assistance available for the right person. Mail or fax resume to: 4412 - 50 St., Innisfail, AB, T4G 1P7. Fax 403-227-4544. **awna**

EXPERIENCED PEN CHECKER for Westlock area feed lot. Must have animal health training or experience and be prepared to work on horseback. Fax resumes to Jubilee Farms 780-349-5414 or email: jubfeed@telusplanet.net. **awna**

COCHRANE IGA is currently seeking an experienced full-time meat cutter. Apply in person at 609 - 1 St. W., Cochrane, Alberta. By fax 403-932-2703. By mail: Box 1000, Cochrane, AB, T4C 1B1. **awna**

DECORATING, ENTERTAINING, cooking, celebrating and so much more! Enjoy it all with Home & Gift Collection, Canada's premier home party company. We're expanding in your area and looking for new consultants. Wonderful earnings, exceptional products, affordable prices, no deliveries or money collection. Visit us at www.homeandgiftcollection.com or call 519-258-7905 for free information. **awna**

MAJOR DOMESTIC appliance repair technician needed on Vancouver Island. Some experience required with refrigeration, cooking and laundry. Must have own tools. Fax 250-748-2514. **awna**

THERAPEUTIC ROOMMATE for male with Autism in Drayton Valley starting July 1/03. \$2,500, +tax free/month. 5003 - 45 St., Drayton Valley, AB, T7A 1C1. Fax 780-621-3936; http://khrisolutions.tripod.com/. **awna**

POWER ENGINEERS are in great demand! Become one. 32 week course - work experience, classroom and lab instruction. Peace River Campus. Starts Sept. 2003. 1-888-999-7882; www.fairviewcollege.com, Fairview, Alberta. **awna**

14 EMPLOYMENT WANTED

NANNIES/CAREGIVERS from overseas seeking employment! Relax when hiring caregivers with "Live-in" Caregiver Program. Trained seven months in care for disabled, elderly, children. Fully screened. No fees! 1-780-473-4868; 1-780-416-8040; www.worldwidecaregivers.com. **awna**

16 FARM MACHINERY

NOW, FINNING AGRICULTURE has a complete line up of farm equipment for any type or size of farm. Call 1-888-FINNING for a location nearest you. **awna**

17 FEED AND SEED

COMPLETE LINE of forage seed, grasses, and legumes. We custom mix hay and pasture blends to meet your requirements, including native grasses. 1-888-882-5435, Dynamic Seeds, Fairview, Alberta. **awna**

BUYING OFF-GRADE canola! Also looking for spring threshed samples. Call CanAmerica Foods, Fort Saskatchewan at 1-800-667-1223. **awna**

HEAT CANOLA/SPRING threshed and green Canola wanted. Also buying wheat, barley, and oats - spring threshed light or heated accepted. "On farm pick-up." Westcan Feed and Grain, toll free 1-877-250-5252. **awna**

TOP QUALITY HAY, green feed and straw, round bales, no rain, delivered. Phone 403-851-0202. **awna**

BIRCHROSE ACRES, Star City, SK, has for sale forage seed, clover grasses and alfalfa. Mixes for bison, elk and cattle. Phone today and see how we can save you 20% or more. Free delivery for pallet size orders. Phone toll free 1-866-244-7333. **awna**

18 FOR RENT

FOR RENT in Didsbury: Recently renovated 2 bedroom mobile home \$525/month plus utilities. \$525 DD, No Pets, No Smoking, call Norm 335-8376 or 606-1671. **7-3t**

ROOMMATE WANTED on acreage west of Didsbury. W/D sat. T.V., semi private bath. Includes all utilities. Call 403-335-1943, 403-335-3335. **5-1t**

AVAILABLE JUNE 1/03: 3 bedroom apartment, 1 1/2 bath, washer/dryer hookups. References preferred. \$525 mo. \$525 D.D. 335-3083. **6-2t**

TWO BEDROOM basement suite, Available May 15. \$575 mo. + util. No dogs. Phone 556-1931. **6-2t**

CLEAN, WELL maintained, 2 bedroom home in Didsbury. \$675 + utilities. N/S, N/P preferred. Available immediately. Phone 335-8752. **6-2t**

NEW 1,200 sq. ft. duplex with loft. Adult community living. Rent \$850. Available May 20th. Phone: 403-275-5653. **5-1t**

TWO BEDROOM house in Didsbury with garage. Available June 1. No pets. Please call 1-403-289-3101. **5-1t**

TWO BEDROOM basement suite, utilities included, no pets, non smokers. \$550/mo. \$550 D.D. Ph. 335-9636. **5-1t**

FOR RENT in Didsbury - 2 bedroom apt. Close to hospital. \$625.00/mo. inc. utilities. \$625 D.D. No pets please. Call 337-2029 or 861-2917. **7-5t**

FOR RENT in Didsbury. 3 bedroom trailer on rented lot. Fenced backyard & garden shed. \$625 plus power & heat. \$600 D.D. Call 337-2029 or 861-2917. **7-5t**

FOR RENT in Didsbury. 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom house located close to schools. Double car garage. Partially fenced yard. Available May 17. \$900 + utilities. \$900 D.D. Call 337-2029 or 861-2917. **7-5t**

TWO & THREE bedroom suites for rent. Includes fridge & stove. \$425 & \$450/mo. plus utilities and D.D. Phone 403-271-0728. **20-20t**

SPACIOUS 3 bedroom apartment, approx. 1100 sq. ft. Separate entrance. 1 1/2 bathrooms. \$550/mo. Available immediately. No pets. Contact Man Lord Properties 1-403-348-6594. **5-2t**

MODERN 3 BEDROOM home in Didsbury. Available for rent immediately. N/S, N/P, \$800 per month, plus utilities S/D \$800. Call 337-3428 or 948-5773. **12-11t**

18 FOR RENT

HOUSE FOR RENT: Close to downtown Didsbury. Cozy 2 bedroom house. Appliances included. Occupancy June 1st. Rent: \$625. D.D. \$625. Very clean. Pets negotiable. Phone: 335-5930 or 335-6684. **6-2t**

DIDSBURY MANOR

1706-22 Ave.

3 Bdr. Townhouses

Private Yard,

W/D Hookups, \$600/mth.

Call 335-4762

19 FOR SALE

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2003 GREY CUP, November 16 in Regina. 3 nights hotel accommodation and sideline tickets available. Book early! See internet: www.dashtours.com or call 1-800-265-0000. **awna**

SAWMILL \$4995. All new Super Lumbermate 2000, larger capacities, more options. Norwood Industries, manufacturer of sawmills, edgers and skidders. Free information. 1-800-566-6899, ext. 400. OT. **awna**

WHOLESALE ENGINE PARTS. Cummins overhaul kits from \$1046. Cat 3406B from \$2195. Best quality at factory direct prices. Plus Detroit and much more. Exchange Engines. DSG 1-800-667-6879. **awna**

DIESEL TRUCKS. Improve power, economy, chips, kits for Dodge, Ford, Chev., gas, diesel. Up to 100 HP 160 lbs. torque extra at rear wheels. Unbelievable responsiveness. DSG 1-800-667-6879. **awna**

SEE LORETTA LYNN. Saturday, July 19 in Edmonton. Accommodation and Killer Seats in the first 5 rows included. \$199. each. Complete details are available online at www.dashtours.com or call Dash Tours at 1-800-265-0000. **awna**

100% PURE MARINE Coral Calcium from Okinawa, Japan, as endorsed and recommended by Robert Barefoot on TV. Staggering results! Business opportunity. 1-866-319-0708, Calgary; www.curecanada.com. **awna**

RAPID WEIGHT LOSS is the wonderful ancillary benefit of this cleansing system. Cleanse, detoxify, replenish and revitalize your body; www.curecanada.com/loseweight. 1-866-319-0708 (Calgary). **awna**

SPRUCE TREES - Discount Tree Sales has trees starting at \$8. Free delivery in some areas. Planting services. Call for details. 403-556-4450; 403-638-1021. Thank you. **awna**

INSTANT SHELTERS and greenhouses. Garage style, many sizes, 20 oz coloured P.V.C. fabric, predrilled galvanized steel trusses. Also indoor storage - RV's, cars, trucks. Ponoka, 1-888-872-8982, Mon. - Fri. **awna**

HOUSE FOR SALE - to be moved by purchaser. Approx. 900 sq. ft. Located in Fox Creek, Alberta. Also misc. building equipment - overhead doors, etc. 780-622-3788, after 5. **awna**

19 FOR SALE

TREES! 2 year old Colorado (Blue) Spruce 12" - 16". Minimum order 10. \$3.49 each. Volume discounts! Also Hybrid Poplar, Ponderosa Pine, Siberian Larch, Birch, and more! Some calls May 5 - 7 didn't connect. Sorry for inconvenience. Please call again. 1-866-TREETIME. **awna**

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FUTURE STEEL BUILDINGS - Durable, dependable, pre-engineered all-steel structures. Custom-made to suit your needs and requirements. Factory-Direct affordable prices. Call 1-800-668-8653 ext. 536 for free brochure. **awna**

20 GARAGE SALE

MULTI-FAMILY COUNTRY Garage Sale. Saturday, May 17, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fridge, stove, portable dishwasher, professional meat saw, pottery kiln and wheel, balewagon, swather, wooden sheep feeders and poultry nest boxes, Sportsman Incubator, aquariums and supplies, toys, bikes, household, plants and more. 10 miles west on Westcott Road or Carstairs Blind Line - follow signs. **5-1t**

SUBDIVISION-WIDE GARAGE sale: Multiple Families Participating. May 17th, 2003 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tanglewood Subdivision, 3 miles south of Didsbury schools on Westcott Rd. **5-1t**

OLDS TOONIE Madness & Townwide Garage Sale. Saturday, May, 24. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Obtain your permit from Gloryland Flowers 556-1001 for \$2.00. Come and enjoy great deals, lots of freebies, and entertainment. **6-2t**

23 LANDSCAPING & GARDENING

FRUIT TREES. Alberta grown, many varieties. Visit: www.sproutfarms.com or call 1-800-676-0353 for price list. Sprout Farms, Box 719, Bon Accord, AB, T0A 0K0. **awna**

24 LIVESTOCK

WANTED. WELL broke pleasure & show horses. Call Don at 335-2887. **11-12t**

25 LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT

IMPROVE YOUR riding skills. Equine Studies - Horsemanship Major. Fairview college, Alberta. On campus riding arena. Hands-on training. Low student - teacher ratio. 1-888-999-7882; www.fairviewcollege.com. **awna**

26 LIVESTOCK FOR SALE

ONE 2 year old Black Angus bull. Red gene carrier. Low birth rate. Quiet. Proven breeder. Calves on ground. Used as clean up from A.I. Sires. 335-4301. **5-2t**

27 LOST & FOUND

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The Hon. Martin Cauchon
Minister of Justice
Justice Building, 264 Wellington St.
Ottawa, ON K1A 0H6

Phone: 613.992.4621
Fax: 613.990.7255
Email: Cauchon.M@parl.gc.ca

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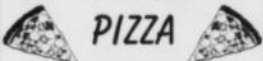
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Show & Shine

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Didsbury Library

The Didsbury Municipal Library will be closed for inventory from May 25 through May 30. Please join us for customer appreciation when we re-open on Saturday, May 31.

DIDSBURY

Garage Sale

St. Cyprian's Church Sat., May 31 from 10 - 4. Donations are welcome. 337-0057, 556-2206 or 335-3270.

Didsbury & District Light Horse

Next DDLH Meeting is Thursday May 15, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at Westcott Hall. Everyone welcome. Come out and give your suggestions/ideas.

Tea

St. Cyprian's Anglican Church Women will be holding their annual Strawberry Tea and Bake Sale in the Church Hall on May 24th from 2 - 4 p.m.

Coffee Party

Rosebud Ladies Coffee Party May 14 at 9:30 a.m. at Rosebud Hall. All ladies welcome.

DIDSBURY

Shower

Community shower for Tanya Kohut and Jason Verquin on Friday May 23 at Mountain View Hall 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

CARSTAIRS

Centennial

The Town of Carstairs is celebrating its Centennial with many great events planned for July 18 - 20. Fundraiser Golf Tournament June 2. To register contact Kerri at 337-3051.

CREMONA

Group

The Cremona Parent & Tots Group is going strong and we would like you to join us! We meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Cremona Congregational Church Basement. For more info contact Doreen at 637-0182.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS TOPS

Take off Pounds Sensibly at the Church of God on Monday nights 7 - 8 p.m. For further information call Jean 637-3753, Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

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SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. What would you like to see different about Handicapped Children's Services? Your voice will be heard at the May 15 meeting. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting - Fourth Thursday of each month. 6:00 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at 335-8304.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

DIDSBURY

TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-8183 or 335-9903 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

We are now accepting registrations into a educational and social program for children 3 to 5 years old. The new 2 1/2 hour classes will operate Tues./Thurs. mornings, starting Tues. Feb. 25/03. For more info or register your child please call Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039

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DIDSBURY

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

W.H.O.A.S

Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help preserve these magnificent animals in their natural environment. Meetings are the first Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace, 8 p.m. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more information.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, Wednesdays. For more information call 638-3277 or 335-9787.

DRUMHELLER

SUPPORT GROUP

The Compassionate Friends is a self help supportive group offering friendship and understanding to parents who have experienced the death of a child. Meetings are held the last Thurs. of each month (except Dec.) at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room #3 of the Drumheller Hospital. For more info call Shirley 823-3001 or Linda 823-4565.

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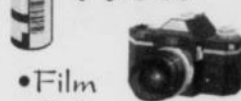
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Neighborhood



Spectators at the Didsbury Show and Shine peer into a popular model at the Saturday event.

Show and Shine

*photos by Richard Westlund
and Joelle Fournier*



Little details, and sometimes little cars, are an important aspect of the Show and Shine.



This older Corvette was a popular model at this year's event.



Jason Hafner stands by his street rod, which won its category.

NEIGHBORHOOD



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

Confession is supposed to be good for the soul and so I hereby make confession. We watch America's Funniest Home Videos, and what is even worse, we think most of them are funny. Oh, not the ones where morons in million dollar wedding outfits plaster each other with wedding cake and not the ones that involve loose false teeth and runny noses and not the ones where people are obviously going to become paraplegics from falling on the backs of their necks. We also don't like seeing clumsy drunks mess up Christmas, but the animal ones are hilarious and the little kid ones are really cute and somehow a really good fall, as long as no one is permanently disabled, is always funny.

Why do we laugh when someone falls down? Behavioral Scientists say that it's not so much that we are amused as that we are shocked, surprised and relieved that it wasn't us. Falling down is a comedy basic. All the great Comedians have had falls as part of their act, Red Skelton, The Marx Bros, Charlie Chaplin, Lucille Ball, Dick VanDyck, Carol Burnett, Tim Conway all of them fell and fell and fell and we never tired of laughing as they tripped over furniture, stepped off into space or hurtled down a flight of stairs. Falling down is funny darn it, and I have seen a couple of really funny falls.

A friend of ours had his birthday in September and it was usually during harvest. Despite the busyness of the season his wife, Martha, decided to have a birthday supper and invited Ralph and I and the three little kids to help celebrate. Louis and our three year old daughter were good friends and when we arrived he asked her if she had a birthday kiss for him. Kirsten happily obliged and then I asked if he wanted one from me as well? Pretending to be shy, Louis backed up a couple of steps and that's when the disaster began to unfold. There was a humidifier in the room, Martha had been taking meals to the field and had a couple of big cardboard boxes on hand for the job and the couples teen age boys had just been trying their strength by hand squeezing a bathroom scale.

Louis stepped on the edge of the scale which tipped and threw him into the cardboard boxes, he couldn't get a grip on the boxes and grabbed for the humidifier, the humidifier went sideways and he stepped on the scale again. He fell down for what seemed like five minutes. Sometimes he would partly recover and we would think the show was over but then some new element would be introduced and the falling went on again. Yes we laughed. Louis and Martha are long gone and I still remember that fall and I still laugh.

When I was about ten my uncle Albert built a fine new house. The pre cast front steps were specially ordered and until they came there were temporary wooden steps in place. Uncle Albert and Aunt Ida had twins girls about two years old and a "mothers helper" named Florence.

Florence was about eighteen and considered herself a sophisticated young lady who had no time for a little kid like me. When she did recognize my existence it was to say something mean. I didn't care much for Florence.

On the day that the new steps arrived Uncle Albert asked Dad to come and help remove the wooden structure and fit the cement one in place. It was a big job, the front door was about 7 feet above ground level so the steps were massive. While we kids watched, Dad and Uncle Albert took down the last bit of the old steps and then, in the spirit of great comics everywhere, the door opened and Florence stepped out into the empty air.

She took two steps before she realized that she was falling. She was carrying a basin of potato peelings and she fell faster than the peelings did so that as Florence, screaming all the way, fell to earth, the potato peelings followed her down. She was mad as a wet hen and covered in dirty water and peelings but not badly hurt. We little kids laughed until we got stomach aches. It was truly the funniest thing we had ever seen and years later when we saw Wily Coyote chase the Road Runner and fall over a two hundred foot cliff, we didn't think it was nearly as funny as the day Florence fell out the kitchen door.

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by Noreen Olson

DRAGON'S DEN

Semester II DHS Honor Roll

This column has been quiet for a while but at the school, many exciting things have been happening, both academically and with extra-curricular activities. The following is a list of students who made the Honor Roll for Semester II period one. Congratulations to all for the great work!

Grade 9

Jessica Aarts
Brienne Byiers
Joel Couture
Delayne Craven
Brittany Derksen
Daniel Forestell
Rebekah Houben
Michael Lee
Stephan Leuker
Allie McCoy
Heather McDonald
Mitchell McKetiak
Paula Overguard
Nicholas Pochapsky
Michael Poffenroth
Josh Robertson
Jolene Shultz
Alyssa Smith
Karma Tiberg
Jamie Toker
Mike Winters

Grade 10

Sarah Braun
Sarah Code
Kenny Deboice
Randilee Fisher
Zachery Lowther
Tammy Marsden
Corinne McKetiak
Dakota Milburn
Kent Miller
Matthew Miller
Ben Misener
Alicia Penner
Breanne Pratt
Jonathan Renggli
Catriona Richmond

Jessica Romanow
Danielle Saina
Kathryn Simon
Stephanie Sorensen
Alan Ta
Troy Tucker
Nicole Wenckowski

Grade 11

Lindsey Derksen
Terrill Edwards
Brett Fillmore
Wil Harvie
Bobbi-lynn Hopfe
Sarah Kemmere
Jessica Lefebvre
Jordan Lunt
Ben May
Steven McMullen
Dayna Moreau
Laura Pochapsky
Ross Sundberg
Sarah Thompson

Grade 12

Elizabeth Blakely
Jonathan Clark
Nathan Dahl
Rachel Forestell
Kimberly Gole
Elisha Jackson
Stacey Jensen
Sarah Longwill
Logan Luft
Naomie Markowski
Jeffrey Rion
Dusty Roberts
Katrina Saina
Laura Simpson
Christine Ta
Christina van Besouw

Congratulations to the Senior Concert Band on their outstanding performances at various festivals! Super job.

The Didsbury High School grade 9 band and choir travelled to Nelson, B.C. this past weekend to compete in festivals. They had the opportunity

to perform for some high-level adjudicators. Results will be published at a later date.

In March students participated in a Stress Management workshop. The title was 'Finding Balance in Life'. More workshops of this type will be implemented in the future. The school is looking for members of the community to become part of a group who will facilitate information sessions targeting youth and drug awareness. The training is provided by AADAC free of charge. Please call the school if you are interested.

Senior Badminton wrapped up before Easter. DHS once again won the local Mountainview school tournament for the 15th straight year. At zones Stacey Jensen placed 3rd and Adam Dingman placed 4th. Good job! Junior Badminton captured the local championship. Players are headed to zone play on May 10th. Good luck!

There are three exchange students that would like to come to Didsbury for the 2003-2004 school year. Host families are needed. Please call the school.

The Class of 2003 Celebration will take place on May 24th at the Didsbury arena at 3:30.

May Monarch is underway and the money that students raise helps fund all extracurricular activities for students. On May 9 the winning grade will crown their Queen and King at a school dance.

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Write-on winning entries were creative well-written

CREATIVE CLASSIFIED *Kathy and the Snoopy Puppy*

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Tamara Wiens
Grade 3
Didsbury, AB

WRITE AN OPINION *Will you get involved?*

Dear Editor,

I am writing concerning the Citizens On Patrol program that will hopefully be starting up in Didsbury within the next couple of weeks. Personally I hope the community will get involved in this project and volunteer. There are eleven people who have currently made the commitment to help protect their town. It is commendable that once a month these citizens are willing to give up four hours of sleep in order to, "be the eyes and ears of the RCMP" as Flo Cunningham puts it. These volunteers will be taking on the responsibility of monitoring the streets of Didsbury for the benefit of their neighbors. We have had several different vandalism incidents that have occurred at our house within the last five years. For example: our fence was run into, a window broken, things painted on our garage door, a tire slashed and our van broken into. I know that many others have had similar problems and will agree that it's frustrating how some individuals can be so inconsiderate of others. I think it's sad that the youth of Didsbury and so many other areas have nothing better to do with their time than to destroy the property of those around them. Even in a single evening numerous cases of vandalism may be reported. This C.O.P. program, I hope will be one step in the right direction of keeping our community a safe and friendly place to live. In the past, when this program was in place, it was considered very effective. However, when enthusiasm dwindled, the program fell apart. One question we can ask ourselves is, are we willing to put in a little time and effort to make our town such a place and stick with it?

Jessica Wiens
Didsbury, AB
Grade 9

JUNIOR REPORTER

Reptiles Are a Hit

On Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, homeschoolers met at Homebase Books for a presentation from Wrappin' About Reptiles. As the presentation began, everyone anxiously awaited to see what was in the boxes behind the reptile wrangler. When he finally began to reveal what was hidden in the

plastic tubs, he explained that these tubs were not the animals' real homes they were just a simple crate for trips to schools and other places where he might educate the public about reptiles. A hush fell over the crowd of children as he carefully revealed a small box which contained several hard plated cock-

roaches. Most girls shivered in their seats while most boys looked on with amazement in their eyes. Some of the other reptiles that he showed one by one were a giant turtle. "My favorite reptile was the turtle because he was big!" announced Jared Hartmann. Others were a large albino boa, a taran-

tula and a huge lizard.

"The tarantula had fine little hairs," explained Abra Hartmann.

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Brenna Hartmann
Grade 5
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NOTES FROM NIGERIA

Nigerian wedding filled with different customs, traditions

Dear Family and Friends,

Yesterday we went to a wedding. Samson, the secretary at the Baptist office here, got married to Comfort. Samson has helped us out quite a bit. He's a great guy with a servant's heart. The wedding invitation indicated that the wedding would start at 10:00 a.m. but we have been to other weddings that didn't start until two hours or more after the time indicated. I asked one of the people participating in the wedding if they thought it would start on time and they said they were told it would. I had a doctor's appointment so we did arrive about 20 minutes late but it seems that it did start on time. The first half hour was spent singing praise choruses. At 10:30 the bridal procession started and from there they moved through the printed program as scheduled with just a few minor changes.

There are several things about Nigerian weddings that are quite different from what I have experienced in North America. The first was the time of singing at the beginning. When we arrived there were about 30-40 people there besides the choir and those officiating. Probably at 10:00 when they started there were just a few. The singing time allowed the sanctuary to fill a little before the actual ceremony started. By the time the ceremony finished there were several hundred people there, so many that people had to stand outside. Three choirs were scheduled to sing. The church choir sang two numbers, one in English and one in Hausa. Comfort is a pharmacist and a Christian pharmacy group from the university sang. They did a great job. They sang acappella with wonderful harmonies. They had prepared one song but Comfort requested they sing another which was a favourite of hers. Even that song was beautifully done. The third choir did not show up until the ceremony was almost over. They did have to travel a distance but even so they must not have left their starting point until after the wedding had started. Since they travelled all that way and their song was a tribute to their love for the couple, I hope they got to sing it at the reception.

The solemnization of the vows (or exchange of vows) was very similar to what I was familiar with. My one frustration with it was the camera men. There were two men video taping the wedding and I don't think they knew how to use the zoom lens. They were continually sticking the camera in people's faces. Anytime something went on at the front of the church such as the exchange of vows and rings they were right

there between the congregation and the couple. There were also a couple of people with regular cameras taking pictures so we saw very little of the exchange of vows, just the backs of the men with the cameras. For the exchange of rings the minister had the couple face each other and shooed the cameras to the sides a bit so we could see some of it. It was nice to be able to see. Nigerians tend to be very solemn when having their pictures taken so it was fun to see Samson and Comfort trying to remain solemn while their joy was bursting out in smiles on their faces.

I don't think I have ever had an offering taken at a wedding before. Not only was there an offering but we all filed to the front to give our offering. They started at the back with everyone filing down the side aisles, crossing to the center front to give the offering then returning to their seats up the center aisle. A variety of choruses were sung while this was going on so many people were really dancing down the aisles. It was also a time to congratulate the bride and groom as we went past them.

The preacher announced that Samson had wanted the wedding ceremony to finish by 11:30 but since it was already after that he would shorten his remarks. He still preached for about 40 minutes so it makes me wonder how long he had planned to preach. I thought his sermon was very appropriate for the occasion and well done. He did have an "invitation for response" time at the end which was also a first for me at a wedding. We were out of the church by about 1:00 which is not bad for a Nigerian wedding.

The reception was held at the church but we did not stay. It usually goes on for several (4 or 5) hours.

This week in chapel the grade 10 girls did a presentation about some of the ministry they had been involved in. It was a very moving presentation.

Many Nigerian girls, especially in the rural, remote villages are given in marriage at very young ages, 12-14 years of age. They soon become pregnant.

see WEDDING Page B10

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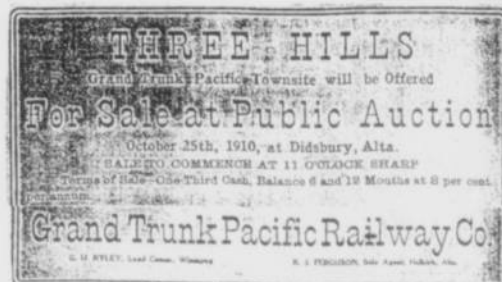
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inventory is an excellent way to recover lost or mis-shelved books, to clean the shelves and better organize the library for our patrons. Please join us for an Open House complete with refreshments on Saturday, May 31 to show our appreciation for your patience. At that time we will also be honouring the many volunteers who help us to provide excellent library service to Didsbury.

In the meantime, we continue to acquire new materials. We are gradually expanding our audiobook collection with

Compact disk recordings of recent bestsellers such as Jonathan Kellerman's "Murder Book" and Michael Crichton's "Prey". Enjoy them on your discman while jogging or walking or in your car on commutes or holiday excursions. Speaking of holidays, there are literally hundreds of used books for sale - fill up a bag for only a toonie to take "worry free", to the lake or camping. As I write this, the snow is falling yet again, but at the library we have faith that summer will indeed come!

MILESTONE

Cremona 4-H clubs 50th anniversary

Celebrations include a dance, supper and games

Plans are well underway for Cremona 4-H Club's 50th Anniversary celebration scheduled for Saturday, June 14th, 2003.

The DJ is booked for the family dance that will be starting at 8:00 p.m.

But before you come to kick up your heels there will be an afternoon of visiting and catching up with former 4-H members and leaders.

The afternoon events start with coffee and tea at 3:00 p.m.

in the Cremona Community Hall.

There will be games in the afternoon to keep the kids busy as well.

Supper starts at 6:00 p.m. and will be Cremona 4-H Club's famous barbecue beef.

After a short presentation and slide show the dancing will begin.

The committee is putting together a history book, a copy of which will go home with

every family in attendance.

The whole day, including the dance, is geared to the entire family.

All former members, leaders and interested community members are welcome to attend.

Bring your family and enjoy the day.

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Focus on
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QUESTION: My wife and I are approaching our retirement years and we have been very blessed financially. We own several large businesses and will have a sizable estate to pass on to our three children.

How do you feel about leaving large amounts of money to the next generation, and is there a right and wrong way to do it?

DR. DOBSON: My views on that subject may not be what you want to hear, but I can only tell you what I've observed and what I firmly believe.

In a word, I'm convinced that it is very dangerous to give large amounts of money to kids who haven't earned it.

A sociological study published some time ago, called "Rich Kids," validated the concerns I have observed.

The authors of that study concluded that large trust funds are usually destructive to those who inherit them. The case studies they cited were convincing.

Human history also confirms the dangerous influence of money. Men and women have lusted for it, killed for it, died for it and gone to hell for it.

Money has come between the best of friends and brought down the proud and mighty.

And, alas, it has torn millions of marriages limb from limb!

It's also been my observation that nothing will divide siblings more quickly than money.

Giving them a large inheritance increases the probability of tension and disharmony within a family.

Your sons and daughters will fight over control of your businesses and will resent those who are designated as decision makers.

Some of them will lose their motivation to be responsible and will experiment with various addictive behaviors — from gambling to alcoholism.

There are exceptions to these negative consequences, of course, and some people do handle wealth and power gracefully.

But it is a difficult assignment at best and one that requires the greatest maturity and self-control.

The question to ask is whether or not leaving large amounts of money to offspring is worth the risk it imposes on those you love.

You must decide if you want to remove from your children the challenges that helped you succeed — the obligation to work hard, live frugally, save, build and produce by the sweat of your brow.

Do you feel right about replacing that need for discipline and industry with a ready-made empire that can be mishandled or squandered?

Please understand that I know this view is unconventional.

One of the reasons people work so hard is so their children won't have to.

They love their kids immeasurably and want to make things easier for them.

Further, they've invested a lifetime in the development of a business and the accumulation of wealth.

Are they now going to sell it and walk away?

That's an unpleasant prospect for any parent. I can't make that decision for others, of course.

My obligation is simply to present the issue as I see it.

And in my experience, the inheritance of wealth is threatening to family relationships, self-discipline, spiritual commitment and responsible living.

It should be done only with great care, years of preparation and much prayer.

Cremona Lions spring update

by Charlie Bird
and Ken Naidoo

STARS PRESENTATION: A representative from this organization was on hand to applaud our efforts in supporting them. Details were given on how our donations were being utilized.

Karen Leask with her parents in attendance elaborated on her "Encounters Canada" (Ottawa) trip on February 15. She expressed gratitude for our sponsorship. Karen is even keener now to become an RCMP Officer and will attend University classes in Criminology, etc. to achieve this end.

Carol Reid from the Olds Food Bank told us that there was a 30% increase in hampers over last year. The Bank really appreciates our commitment to the cause.

Dave Street representing the Community Hall stated that our donation of \$1500 towards carpets (upstairs) and other upgrades in the hall will soon be utilized.

March 16: Cremona Lions Annual Curling Bonspiel:

This was one of the greatest funspels ever. The best part of it all was that there were so many others (family members from age -0 to whatever) to make it a truly family event. Kids running around, mothers looking for them, still others baby sitting little ones they had met for the first time.....

That's why it was so great. Unfortunately we have to give details of who won and who lost.

Funspiel: A event. The Doug Sherriffs team won this. Doug did a great job as skip ably supported by his second and third. His lead however has something to atone for.

The B event winner was Nels Brian.

Mrs. Teynor and Kyle Hettinger won their respective events in the crib tournament.

We appreciate the efforts of the organizers and many others for making the event a suc-

cess.

March 23 : Irregular Meeting on the Bus to Rockyford: Lion Ben Grainger presented those on board with the 2003-2004 Cremona Lions Executive Nominations; The following of ficers were voted on, and accepted, for the positions indicated.

Past President: J o h n Shand

President: Dave Street

Treasurer: Dave Bowman

Secretary: Ben Grainger

1st Vice President: Darrel Newsome

2nd Vice-President: Bruce A. Roy

3rd Vice-President: Doug Sheriffs

1 Year Director: Harris Gardner

1 Year Director: Alton Gano

2 Year Director: Jim Barbaro

2 Year Director: Nels Brian

Lion Tamer: Larry Steeves

Tail Twister: Russell Simpson

Ron Hettinger continues with 50/50.

We wish the new incumbents (and those continuing) every success in the positions they were nominated for.

Lion John Shand deserves the highest Lions accolades for the outstanding job he has done as President of this club. He graciously took on an ex-

tra term of office when he had to. Further, he stick-handled matters with such dexterity that we think he should run for political office. We wish him well in his 'retirement'.

March 23 Inter Club Visitation:

The visit, to our twin club, Rockyford, took place on March 16, 2003. The Charter Bus left Cremona at 5:00 p.m. for the 90 minute ride, with some 25 Lions, all in good spirits.

Our hosts were excellent, perhaps surpassing us in hospitality.

In spite of some of the Cremona Lions' attempts at disrupting their well-conducted meeting, the evening went off with many light hearted attempts to snatch various articles from the club house. We hope we failed!

April 14: Regular Meeting COMMUNITY CHEST:

Lion Dave Street intimated that we have lost some excellent canvassers, e.g. Geordie Whitlow. But we must continue with the work we are doing. We collected some \$24,000 last year. This was distributed among 16 charities. Appreciation was expressed for the help received from the many volunteers.

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D.E.A.B. celebrates trees with Arbor Fest celebrations



Stephanie Dodyk

The only difference in Didsbury is that Arbor Day is now Arbor Fest - an annual celebration taking place just a few weeks later than the date nationally earmarked for the occasion.

Saturday, May 31st between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, members of the Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board (D.E.A.B.) are hosting a tree planting ceremony in honor of Arbor Day at the greenspace area directly east of the Memorial Complex. "Arbor Day tradi-

tionally falls on May 9th, but because of the inclement weather we seem to get each year, we decided to do it a little later in the month, explains Stephanie Dodyk, a member of D.E.A.B.

Local officials are anticipated to attend the brief tree planting ceremony which is to be accompanied by literally dozens of other "fun" activities for kids and adults alike. Kids young and old are being invited to participate in the many crafts and arbor-related activities planned for the day.

"We are going to be making bubble blowers out of willow branches, newspaper hats, face painting and much, much more," says Dodyk.

For the adults, there will be a perennial plant exchange and a compost bag giveaway (compliments of Mountain View Regional Waste Authority). "All you have to do is come down with a garbage bag or a gardening bag and fill it up," says Dodyk. Afterwards, everyone is invited to stay and listen to the entertaining musical performance

of the One World Drum Company from Calgary. "If the weather turns bad on us we will just move inside to the Multipurpose room," says Dodyk.

Sun Country Garden Centre will also be selling some plants onsite at the event. "The Guides will also be on hand selling hot dogs as part of their fundraiser for their trip to Mexico."

Admission to Arbor Fest is free. Anyone requiring further information about Arbor Fest is encouraged to call Stephanie Dodyk at 335-9491.

Calgary Choir benefits Rosebud Health Foundation

They say it's all in having the right connections.

Thanks to a helpful suggestion made by Marge Steckler, nearly 50 members of the Calgary Adult Community Choir are making the trek out to Didsbury to perform a benefit concert for the Rosebud Health Foundation at the Knox United Church Saturday, May 24th.

Mrs. Steckler, as it turns out, is a member of the Didsbury area Chapter of the Eastern Star. She is also a three-year member of the Calgary Adult Community Choir - a connection she made use of when brainstorming

fundraising projects typically undertaken by the Eastern Star.

"I was Head Matron last year and just made the suggestion that maybe this would be a good way to raise money," explains Steckler. "...This was sort of over and above what we usually do, but provincially, the Eastern Star donates to so many different charities, anything from the Diabetes to Alzheimers as well as many others. We just felt the Rosebud Health Foundation was a very worthy cause locally in this area. There are just so many things (equipment, materials, sup-

plies etc.) that aren't covered by the province."

Steckler's involvement with the Choir seemed an obvious outlet for her when considering a means to her fundraising aspirations. "I've been a member for a while and really love singing with the group," she says. "We've performed at events at places like the Calgary Zoo, Festival of Trees, but mostly we do a lot of nursing homes and long term care centers in Calgary."

Under the direction of Fran Shukal and Dale Erickson, the Calgary Adult Community Choir performs virtually every domain of

music - from jazz and swing to country and western. They even do a selection of Broadway hits. "Many of the numbers we do incorporate movements and actions that go with the words to the song, so it's very entertaining to watch."

The Calgary Adult Community Choir will be performing at the Knox United Church on Saturday, May 24th at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are just \$5.00 per person and can be purchased by calling either Sharon Israelson at 335-4279, Birgit Due at 335-4680, or Marge Steckler at 335-4281.



Marge Steckler

Review columnist has been pondering for five years now



Margaret Fradley

Margaret Fradley can hardly believe it herself. The column she writes each week for distribution to the Didsbury Review is now in its fifth year.

"Ponderings of the Heart", for any who may still not know, is a short weekly article written by Fradley that provides short stories and words of inspiration. "I like to call them articles of encouragement for everyday life," she explains. "...something positive to look forward to each week in the paper instead of all the doom and gloom and controversy that's out there now."

Fradley, long-time resident of Didsbury, first came upon the idea for her column after

vacationing a number of years ago in Vancouver with her husband, Howard. "I picked up the paper while I was there and was upset to see so much negativity...there was absolutely nothing positive in that newspaper at all. While I was reading it all I could think if was that this must change."

Upon arriving back in Didsbury, Fradley visited the Didsbury Review, and shared her idea of a "good news" column with publisher, Gene Hartmann. "He was very receptive to the idea and asked me how soon I could get started writing them. I was very surprised...I never intended to be the one to write the

articles...it just sort of turned out that way."

Fradley promised to write one month's worth of articles and end it there...but that was five years ago now. "I can't believe it's gone on this long," says Fradley. "But every month I take Gene in four more Ponderings for the paper...I'm not really a writer by trade. The stories I write aren't eloquent. They are written in plain, everyday language that everyone can understand. That's all I know how to do."

But the longevity of Fradley's column has brought more with it than just consistent, positive messages about life. Since she began the series,

she has also found time to write two books; "Ponderings of the Heart", and "More Ponderings of the Heart". Each contains more than 100 short stories of inspiration about life and are available at the Didsbury Review and Didsbury Drugs. "They make nice gifts for anyone you're visiting in the hospital. It's nice light reading and the stories are all very short."

Fradley continues to find inspirational and encouraging thoughts to ponder each week; a talent she says isn't difficult. "At some point I realize this may have to come to an end...I'll keep writing until the well runs dry or people get tired of reading them."



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Pay it forward - kindness comes around again

by Lindsay Jones

Many of us are always willing to help a stranded motorist, but would you ever think of buying a coffee for a stranger?

Mountain View County's helpful citizens have taken on a "pay it forward" mentality, doing good deeds for complete strangers. And with the recent snowfalls many stranded motorists have been helped out of slippery situations.

Kodi Ferguson, 23, went out to check for mail and to go four-by-fouring with his buddies on May 6, the evening during another dump of heavy, wet snow. He joked with his buddies that the mail carrier was probably still at his mail box, stuck in the snow. Once he got close enough, he noticed a car was stuck in the snow, and a woman was inside.

A "what goes around, comes around" kind of guy, he offered to pull the woman, who seemed nervous and shy, out of the snow drift.

"I saw the look on her face that said 'great a couple of hoodlums out to make some bucks,'" he said.

"He insisted on staying and waiting until my husband came, and made sure we got out," said the stranded woman, who did not want to be identified.

Unfortunately, her husband's truck was unable to pull the car out of the ditch, and it too ended up stuck. So Ferguson volunteered to pull the stuck car out and tow it about eight miles to the stranded motorists' home.

"It was basically like pulling a plow behind me," Ferguson said.

When they finally made it to the house, the stranded motorists insisted on paying him \$20.

"The \$20 was unnecessary as the gratification showing in you and your family's faces was adequate payment," he said.

"I'm just glad to do stuff like that because I know someday I'll be in that spot," he said.

"People can say what they want about the kids today, but there are some nice young people out there," the stranded woman said.

Ferguson has lived in Olds for two years, and says this town is different from the previous towns he has lived in.

"The whole atmosphere of this town is not like other small towns," Ferguson said.

Small towns can often revert to cliquey groups of people who only help each other, but here the whole town



Kodi Ferguson and his truck.

itches in, he said.

Even the Mayor of Olds is an example of this. Before Norma Duncan was elected as mayor, she offered her house to a complete stranger when the stranger's husband was in the hospital.

"I just think that we have so many warm-hearted, giving and caring people," Duncan said.

Ferguson is one of many who have lent a helping hand to complete strangers during this rough weather. But this "pay it forward" mentality extends beyond bad weather.

People are not the only ones to receive generosity from a complete stranger, animals and their owners are often on the receiving end.

Duncan said she had once found a dog on the road that was frightened by a storm.

It was long after town hall had been closed, so she called Bob Johnston, who came into the town office to look up the owner and return the scared dog, she said.

The "what comes around goes around" theory was proven true in Ferguson's case as the lady who was stuck, her husband is always the first one to help a motorist out.

Many of us are always willing to help a stranded motorist, but would you ever think of buying a coffee for a stranger?

Christy Dunning, a Vancouver student working in this area for four months regularly bought coffee for the people behind her at Tim Horton's drive-thru.

"I think it's really cool, someone did it for me and it made my day," Dunning said.

A letter to the editor from a woman thanked the person who bought her coffee for her at Tim Horton's.

fee for her at Tim Horton's.

The letter also went on to explain that she would be continuing the chain by buying strangers a coffee.

"All positive things cause a chain," said Wayne Abraham, a chartered psychologist. "A smile is contagious."

Abraham said he has helped people change tires on the side of the road and given broken-down motorists rides into town.

In return he has also been helped by complete strangers. He once asked for directions and was not just told how to get there, he was actually shown the way.

"It can't help but boost the town's

image," Abraham said.

With our fast paced lifestyle, taking a little time out of our day to help another can be a significant act, he said.

Even on the national scale we have seen acts of kindness.

Last summer farmers from the eastern provinces sent hay to our very parched farmers here. This act of kindness not only helped a lot of farmers, but many animals' lives were also spared.

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Company becomes a Banner of health and safety

by Carla Victor

Easter weekend was a longer shift than usual for Sandra Chatain.

Chatain, a team safety representative for Banner Pharmacaps, knew more than 180 employees were counting on this team to avoid any work related injuries for the next 12 hours.

She didn't want to let them down.

Safety is of utmost importance on every shift at Banner Pharmacaps but on April 19 it was even more so.

If Chatain's team was successful they would be helping their company achieve a milestone - a year with zero days lost due to injury.

A zero-days-lost record seemed unattainable for this company - until five years ago.

Banner Pharmacaps is a global pharmaceutical, nutritional and cosmetic manufacturing company based in Olds with employees from all over Mountain View County.

In annual Workmans Compensation Board (WCB) audits Banner was rated at the bottom of their group of companies. WCB rates companies based on claims to establish premium rates.

Where safety was concerned, Banner was no role model. Their average for missed days, due to work related injury, ran at 200 days per year.



Banner employees have not taken a sick day for an entire year.

Injuries were commonly muscular or skeletal; pains, strains or skin sensitisation.

When Kate Willoughby became Human Resources Director for Banner in 1998, it was obvious safety wasn't always top priority at this 23-year-old company.

Because of their atrocious claims record Banner Pharmacaps was paying 40 per cent more in WCB premiums than the average companies in

their category.

Realizing safety was a problem and their out-of-date work practices were costing the company enormous amounts of money, management took action.

Willoughby was brought in to lead the Banner Pharmacaps team to a new level of safety awareness.

"Safety was a problem and to change that we had to increase employee awareness

about safety," said Willoughby. "In order to increase awareness we had to develop a comprehensive health and safety program."

In keeping with that Willoughby worked with Paul Lindsay, safety co-ordinator for Banner Pharmacaps at that time, to develop policies and processes such as incidents reporting and investigations, work-site inspections, hazard assessments and safe work procedures, modified work and medical surveillance. They also began to work with safety team reps to increase their level of involvement in creating a safer workplace.

Safety meetings began every month with team safety reps appointed to a site safety committee.

Team safety reps "con-

stantly remind people not to do this or that" and to report any safety incidents so procedures could be changed for the better, said Chatain.

Safety inspections were conducted at the work site by supervisors on a weekly basis; monthly by team safety reps and periodically by managers.

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There is little or no medical help for them so if complications develop the local "healer" is called in to help. Many times when this happens the baby is stillborn and the girl suffers internal injuries. One of the common injuries is to their urinary tract so that they constantly drip urine afterwards and they are no longer able to have children.

This often results in them being turned out of their husband's house. Some are able to go back to their parent's home but because they constantly smell of urine they are often turned out of there as well. The mission hospital has a V.V.F. clinic which provides help for these girls. They do surgery to try to correct the problem. Of-

ten it takes more than one surgery to provide healing for them and sometimes it is impossible to heal the damage. The doctors treat about 300 women each year with a success rate of about 80%. But there are about 600,000 women who suffer with this in Nigeria. Most of the women have little or no money so all of their expenses including a place to stay and food for the 6-8 weeks the process and the healing take are covered by the ministry. One woman came recently with a letter of recommendation asking the hospital to help her. The letter was dated 11 years ago. When asked why she had waited 11 years to do anything she told the doctors that it had taken her that long to get the

money for her transportation to Jos. The grade 10 girls have organized food and personal hygiene items drive to help the ministry. Just having soap so the women can get clean is a problem for some of them. Every woman that comes to the clinic has the Gospel shared with them many times both verbally and through love in action.

The grade 10 girls that want to will have the chance to view one of the operations. We don't always realize the suffering and pain that many Nigerians live with.

In Christ, Janet for the Snyders

Dan and Janet Snyder are former Didsburians doing mission work in Nigeria.

Prairie Partners 4H

by Kagen Laut

The 4-H Beef Show and Sale can be summed up in three words: pushin', pullin' or being drug around. May 21 at the Carstairs Arena is the day we place 23 head of fat and furry four legged friends up for sale and enjoy doing it.

Prairie Partners is a multi club with 35 members involved with 23 steers, 14 heifers, 8 cow calf and 13 horse projects.

Our members gather from the east Carstairs, Didsbury, Olds areas as well as Acme/Linden. This is the 42nd year for our club.

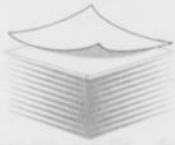
Our year has been very hectic with meetings, speeches,

parties, Rodeo Royal, skiing and clinics.

Add to that, working weddings and raffles, ridings, weigh in, mock shows, lazer tag and 4H on Parade May 29-31. District Horse Show is scheduled for June 8 in Olds and District Heifer Show is May 17. No wonder parents become so cranky and crossed eyed.

The steer show is our year-end celebration of hard work. For some, tears of sadness or relief; and for others, smiles when we receive the cheques for all that ground beef.

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The work environment began to change when safety became everyone's responsibility, said Willoughby.

"Before we had always left the safety to supervisors. If something happened or we noticed a problem we would tell the supervisor and leave it in their hands, now it is in our hands," said Joe Hearn, materials coordinator and safety committee member.

He said people began to realize work related injuries caused hardship for every team member. The load became heavier for everyone while a co-worker recovered at home.

Modified work programs were instilled and physicians were enlisted.

Willoughby contracted Janice Hazlett, an occupational health nurse, to modify tasks that enabled injured employees to safely return to work with no time missed.

"She helps identify work restrictions so we don't put anyone at risk or further irritate an injury," said Willoughby. "We believe there is always something productive an injured employee can be doing."

To complete the task local physicians were enlisted.

Willoughby and Hazlett met with physicians at Olds Associate Clinic and Wild Rose Clinic.

"We explained our health and safety and modified work programs. Our interest was to find ways to have their patients safely return to work once they have suffered an injury."

"We asked that rather than writing a note to excuse them from work they would help us determine a safe modified program," said Willoughby. Something doctors were willing to help the company do.

"If someone was diagnosed with carpal tunnel they would be removed from doing the task that required repetitive motion and reassigned to a task suitable for helping them recover from their injury. If someone strained a back muscle in production they would be assigned computer work (updating procedures or training others) and removed from the production area on a temporary basis until medical clearance was given."

Most employees prefer to do their regular job than the modified tasks and wanted to get back to their regular job quickly.

Team safety reps are responsible for creating hazard analysis and safe work procedures to further reduce the possibility of injury and enforced incidence reporting procedures.

Now every near miss or injury - whether it be major or minor, was reported and investigated to

determine corrective action.

"It went from employees going to the supervisor with a problem to team safety reps offering solutions," said Willoughby. "Safety became a shared responsibility entrenched in our company culture."

Slowly things began to change. There were 165 days missed in 1999; 67 in 2000, 30 in 2001 and 14 in 2002.

Their efforts were noticed during PIR (Partners in Injury Reduction) audits, a program designed by WCB and Alberta Labour. Employees were interviewed and the whole safety program was reviewed.

"The auditor was impressed by the difference he noticed from the review in 1999 and the one conducted in 2002."

"He said he could clearly see how safety was part of our culture," said Willoughby.

For 1998 and 1999 Banner Pharmacaps continued to pay 40 per cent higher than the average in premium rates. In 2000 it was a little less. In 2001 it was 10 per cent lower and now it is more than 20 per cent less than the industry rate.

"That reduction in premiums is valued at more than \$100,000. Money that came right off our bottom line," said Willoughby. "Safety is one of our top priorities but those savings are enough to make anyone change outdated work practices!"

During this metamorphosis Banner Pharmacaps became an example for other businesses.

They enlisted local businesses to provide safety

gear; each employee sees Olds Eye Care for prescription safety glasses chosen by each employee. Staff are given \$150 per year to purchase their own protective foot wear.

And all this boiled down to a 6 a.m. celebration, April 19th.

"Let me tell you," joked Chatain, "we were very careful on that shift."

She said an anxious mood turned to celebration when Willoughby showed up with breakfast, chocolate covered strawberries and champagne (non-alcoholic of course), to mark the occasion.

"It had to be non-alcoholic because it isn't safe to work under the influence," she laughed.

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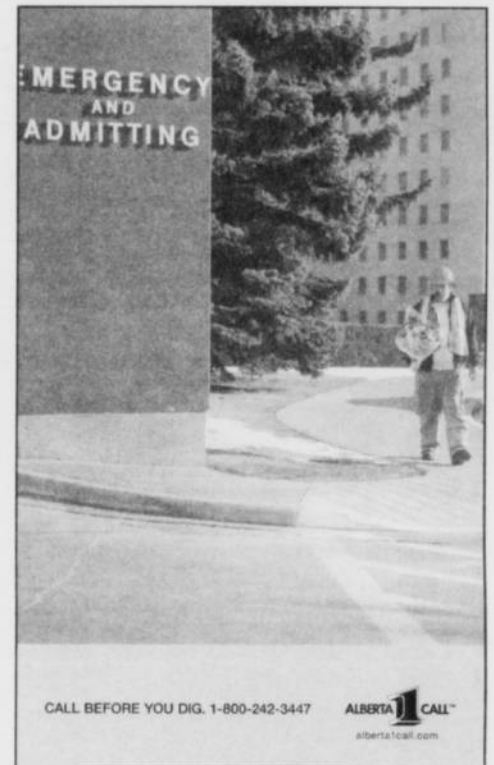
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The green, green grass at home: part 3

Belated Happy Mother's Day to all and what a glorious day it was. Dare we say it? Spring is finally here! I think (*I hope*) that we can now safely venture into our gardens and begin the season long regime of maintaining our lawns.

Last week I discussed the turf care tasks that occur only once or twice a year but are necessary to give your lawn a healthy start at the beginning of the growing season. Now we need to talk about the care that goes on between spring and fall.

There are really only 2 lawn maintenance tasks that need to be done consistently - **mowing** and **watering**. Now while these are very easy tasks to do it is possible to perform them incorrectly. Too much or too little water and too low or too infrequent mowing can cause grass to become stressed and unhealthy.

Watering your lawn is essential for healthy, vigorous growth but it must be done properly. Grass species, overall lawn health, soil conditions and weather conditions are all factors in determining how frequently and deeply you should water. One very important point to always keep in mind is that frequent, shallow watering creates a shallow root system that can be easily damaged by drought. Shallow-rooted turf also generally tends to be more susceptible to disease problems. However, don't allow the turf to become overly drought-stressed as this weakens the grass and also makes

it susceptible to disease as well as insect damage and weed infestation.

Generally, watering should be done in the early morning, although any time between about midnight and 8 a.m. is okay. The advantage to watering in the early morning is that it provides moisture that the grass needs during the heat of the day and you won't have to worry about staying up half the night to move the sprinkler around and eventually turn it off. You should irrigate every 7 to 10 days depending on the needs of the lawn, applying approximately 2.5 to 3 cm of water. In order to determine how long it takes to apply the correct amount of water to your lawn try this simple test.

1. Place empty cat food or tuna tins evenly over the lawn.
2. Note the time and turn on the water.
3. Check the tins frequently at regular intervals.
4. When the tins are full write down the time.

The length of time needed to water your lawn is the time it took for the empty tins to fill up with water. Keep in mind that your lawn may need to be watered a bit more frequently when conditions are hot, dry, and windy; and less frequently when conditions are cool and cloudy. Remember, just because it is your day to water doesn't mean your lawn needs to be irrigated.

Mowing is a task that can also be done improperly. If you mow too often and too low you can stress

the grass making it susceptible to drought, disease, and insect and weed infestation. Mowing too infrequently and then cutting off more than one-third of the length of the grass blades is also stressful to the lawn. The minimum height for any lawn is 2 inches and 2.5 to 3 inches for a mowing height is actually the preferred length for optimal turf health. Longer grass blades provide shade for the crown and roots of the grass. You should mow the lawn at the same

height all year. There is no reason to mow it shorter at the end of fall. Don't remove more than one-third of the grass height in a single mowing. In other words, if your mowing height is 3 inches you should mow when the lawn is 4.5 inches tall. If you are unable to mow until the grass has grown past the height it should be for removing only one-third then set your blade height a bit higher, cut the grass and then wait a few days and cut it again at the normal mowing height.

Regular mowing also means not having to haul away grass clippings. Grass clippings decompose quickly and grass-cycling, which is the process of leaving your grass clippings on the lawn, provides a great source of recycled organic matter and nutrients.

Throughout the season make sure you check your mowing equipment regularly for blade sharpness and mowing height adjustment. Dull mower blades will shred the grass rather than giving a clean cut.

This will cause the grass to become brown and unattractive. So that's all there is to regular lawn maintenance. Just by following these simple rules you will be well on your way to having a lawn that is healthier and more resistant to disease and insect and weed infestations.

Remember that if you have any gardening questions I can help you with just mail them to Deborah Whitmore, B.A.H.T., Box 1839, Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0 or email me at info@excalibur-landscape.com

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April 28: Regular Meeting

LIONS AUCTION SALE: This will be held on October 25, 2003.

COMMUNITY CHEST: Things are going well in this regard.

TRIP TO MEXICO Kate Oughton and Amber Hagen sent us a letter of appreciation for our donation towards their trip to Mexico. The letter also elaborated on some aspects of their trip.

WATER VALLEY RODEO: This will be held on June 7 and 8, 2003. Cremona Lions are the major caterers for this event. We look forward to

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Gardening Guru takes guests on plant hunting journey

Renowned horticulturist, Dr. Wilf Nicholls, will share his wealth of knowledge at the season finale of the popular Olds College/Calgary Stampede Gardeners' Lecture Series on June 18.

Dr. Nicholls, Director of the Memorial University of Newfoundland's Botanical Garden, will speak about plant hunting in Canada. In one of his many contributions, Dr. Nicholls managed research and development activities for the internationally acclaimed Plant Introduction Scheme of the University of British Columbia's Botanical Garden. His years of experience in the horticulture industry have taken him to areas throughout the country, and provided direct information on the best plants for Canadian gardens. He will share that information with guests on June 18 at the Agriculture Building in Calgary Stampede Park.

"I had the opportunity to speak at Olds College last spring, and also lead a couple of horticulture classes while I was there," said Dr. Nicholls. "I'm certainly well aware of Olds College and have always known of its renowned reputation, but I had never been there before. It was great to see the facilities and the enthusiasm of students and faculty. When they asked me to give another talk, I was pleased. And our topic is such a great one, because I think our most exciting untapped resource is using more native plants in our landscaping."

The June 18 event closes the first season of the Olds College/Calgary Stampede partnership, which brought horticultural instructors and industry experts together for four evenings of gardening tips. The response has been so en-

thusiastic, organizers are planning the second series of lectures to warm gardeners through the cold weather next winter.

"These lectures are designed to provide more in-depth, high-end infor-

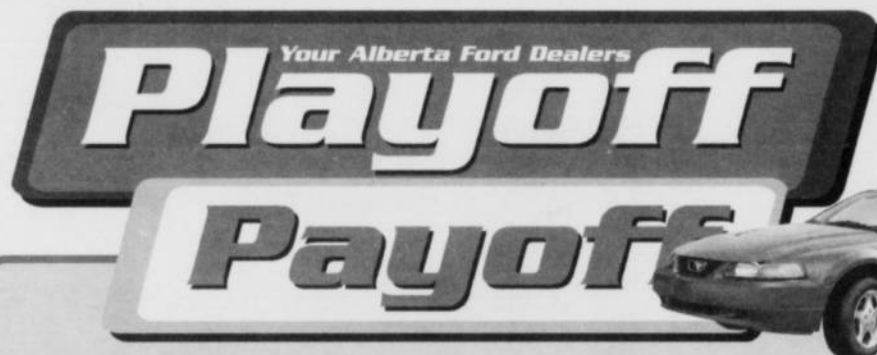
mation for the gardener who is ready to further their education and take their gardens to the next level," said Marilyn Klatt, Project Manager of Olds College's horticulture extension programs. "The lectures

will also be helpful to industry and trades personnel who are looking to advance their career. Olds College is a centre of horticultural excellence and we're pleased to take these programs on the road in an effort

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Sports

HOCKEY

Bomersback named Canadian Jr. player of the year

by Barry Williams

Carstairs minor hockey product, Mark Bomersback, has been named the Canadian Junior A Player of the Year.

Bomersback, the captain of the Canmore Eagles, received the RBC Financial Group award at the Royal Bank Cup Awards Banquet held in Charlottetown on Sat. March 10.

A member of the Eagles for four seasons, Bomersback established an Alberta Junior Hockey League all-time scoring record with 396 points on 143 goals and 253 assists in 250 career games for the Eagles.

A unanimous choice for the AJHL 2002/2003 Most Valuable Player, Bomersback was the scoring leader with 46 goals and 68 assists for 114 points. He was voted to the AJHL All-star team three times and established another league record scoring a hundred points in three consecutive seasons. At the end of the 2002/2003 AJHL season, Bomersback was tied for fourth place in Canadian Junior A Hockey League all-time scoring.

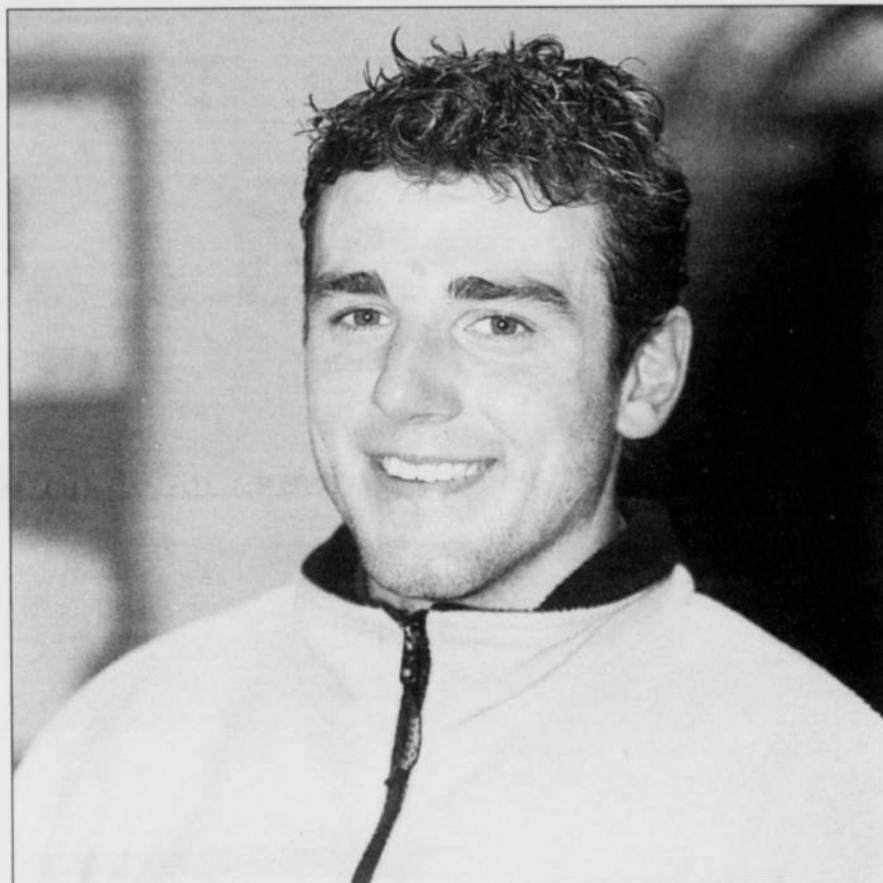
The five-foot-10, 180 lb. forward played most of his minor hockey in Carstairs and was a member of the Carstairs AA Pee Wee and AA Bantam Bruins. Before joining the Canmore Eagles, Bomersback played Midget AAA hockey

with the Foothills Bisons based in Strathmore.

Off the ice, Bomersback was an accomplished baseball player playing in Carstairs and was a member of the Pee Wee AAA Canons, who won the Alberta Baseball Championship in 1994 and finished second in the Western Canadian AAA Pee Wee championships held in Carstairs.

He is the fourth Alberta Junior Hockey League player to receive the RBC Financial trophy for the Canadian Junior A Player of the Year. Tyler Brosz, of the Olds Grizzlys, was the recipient in 2000/2001. Danny Heatley, of the Calgary Canucks, won the award in 1998/1999 and Mike Comrie, of the St. Albert Saints, captured the honor in 1997/1998. Heatley now plays with the Atlanta Thrashers and Comrie suits up for the Edmonton Oilers.

At the Royal Bank Cup National Junior A Championship, Canmore Kodiaks netminder, Mike Brodeur, was named the tournament's best goaltender and Kodiaks' Travis Friedley was named as the tournament's best defenceman. The Kodiaks, AJHL and Doyle Cup champions advanced to the Royal Bank Cup championship game against the Humboldt Broncos of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League. Results were not known at press time.



Mark Bomersback was named the Canadian Junior player of the year last week. With the honour he joins the company of previous winners like Danny Heatley and Mike Comrie.

RODEO

Madden's Cliff Williamson ropes \$592,000 in earnings

*23-year veteran
has roped in more
than a half million
in his career*

by Barry Williams

For twenty-three years, Madden calf roper, Cliff Williamson, has been tossing a quick lasoo.

Heading into the current Canadian Professional Rodeo Association season, Williamson, the defending CPRA calf roping champion, had roped an amazing \$588,383 in earnings on Canadian soil.

Now in the twilight of his career, Williamson has roped the elusive \$592,000 mark with \$4,948 in winnings this

season.

His latest triumph came at the recent Stavely Indoor Rodeo where he claimed the tie-down roping crown with a time of 9 seconds flat and a cheque worth \$1,098.

A four-time Canadian champion, the tall lanky cowboy has never missed a Canadian Finals Rodeo and he has nodded his head nine times at the National finals Rodeo.

He has won every major rodeo in Canada including the \$50,000 purse at the Calgary Stampede in 1999.

Part of a calf roper's success is having a trusty partner, a horse.

And Williamson has one of the best calf roping horses in Canada, Salty, a 19 year old chestnut.

Salty carried Williamson to the Canadian champion-

ship last year and was named the calf roping horse of the year.

According to Williamson, Salty is the main reason for stopping the clock at lightning quick times.

Riding Salty has given Williamson an added advantage at the rodeos as a well trained horse is half of a solid calf roping tandem.

Williamson picked up Salty from a rancher in the Cypress Hills area, Darryl Brost, who has trained horses for other calf ropers.

Other winners at Stavely included; Lance Mulyahill saddle bronc, Monty Koopman bareback, Tyler Streeter bull riding, Rob House steer wrestling and Frances Hargraves ladies' barrel racing.

Meanwhile at the Bonnyville Pro Rodeo, JR

Reding, of Beiseker, split the saddle bronc event with Ryley Harvie, of Calgary. Both riders marked 79 and picked up a cheque for \$797. Two Cochrane riders split third as Billy Richards and Jeremy Harden scored 76 earning \$421 apiece.

Longview saddle bronc rider, Travis Whiteside, won the event with a 79 score and Winston Kusler won the bull riding event with an 87 marked ride.

Duane Gervais won the tie-down roping with a time of 8.6 seconds. Bill Melaney, of Caroline, split third with a time of 9.9. Joe Lucas, of Carstairs, and Dale Skoedopole, of Big Valley split the fifth hole with times of 10.5 seconds.

Rusty Rae Quam was the fastest around the barrels in a time of 13.21 seconds to win

the ladies' barrel racing. Maxine Schneidmiller, of Sundre, finished in ninth with a time of 13.59 seconds.

Results of the Kelowna, B.C. and Princeton, B.C. rodeos were not known at press time.

On the May long week end, the cowboys and cowgirls will be hanging their hats at rodeos scheduled for Cloverdale, B.C., Falkland B.C. and Luxton, B.C.

Correction

In last week's article Bullriding Classic coming to Didsbury, the sanctioning association named was incorrect. The sanctioning body of the event is the Canadian Professional Bullriders (CPB).

